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Hitoko
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BLUE
GLAMOROUS
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Maeno turned out surprisingly well!!

OUT NOW!!

Manga's translation!

I came to eat hot guys today!

Ume

KEN MIYA

INCLUDES MINI MAENO!!

KEN MIYAMURA

Now available!!

Includes a stand that also fits Wakamatsu and Hori!! Put them all together ☆

ROMANCE

Girls

YUZUKI

KASHIMA

CHIYO

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LET'S FALL IN LOVE

MANGA

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[ISSUE 51]

SUMMER VACATION, HUH?
DID YOU SET YOURSELF ANY GOALS FOR THE BREAK, SENPAI?
GOALS LIKE ...? GOING TO BED AND GETTING UP EARLY, THAT SORT OF THING?
HMM...
I WAS THINKING OF SETTING MYSELF SOMETHING BIGGER ...
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN HERE?
PARA (FLIP)
PARA
DID HE GET HIMSELF A HOW-TO BOOK?
HE'S JUST AS SERIOUS AS EVER...

LONG TIME NO SEE... ...YOU GUYS.
NO WAY !!
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
THAT'S SATOU, THE LAME-O...?
HEH!
SHE TURNED INTO A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON OVER SUMMER VACATION ...!!!
WOULD YOU STOP USING SHOUJO MANGA AS A LIFE REFERENCE ALREADY!!!?
THEY'RE PART FANTASY, YOU KNOW!?

POINTS OF ADMIRATION

YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER TODAY, PRINCESS.
HUH? HERE ...?
GIII (CREAK)
AND SUZUKI'S NOT EMBAR-RASSING!
YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOMEONE EVEN WORSE THAN SUZUKI OUT THERE.

IT MAKES ME WORRY THAT, LIKE A LITTLE BIRD, YOU MIGHT LEAVE ME...
...AND FLY AWAY.
HUH ...?
WHY ...?
...BUT IT ALSO MAKES ME WORRY.
YOUR SMILE MAKES ME HAPPY...

ACTORS ARE AMAZING...
I KNOW, IT'S ALL AN ACT, BUT IT STILL MAKES ME KIND OF EMBAR-RASSED...
HEEEEY!
SHE REALLY DOES KEEP SAYING ALL THOSE CRAZY THINGS...
WHOA! I KNEW IT HAD TO BE SOMEONE FROM THE DRAMA CLUB!!!

HUH ...!!?
KYAAA!
BATA
BATA
BATA (THUD)
WE'RE GONNA START PRACTICE, SO, ALL YOU OUT-SIDERS, TAKE A HIKE!!!

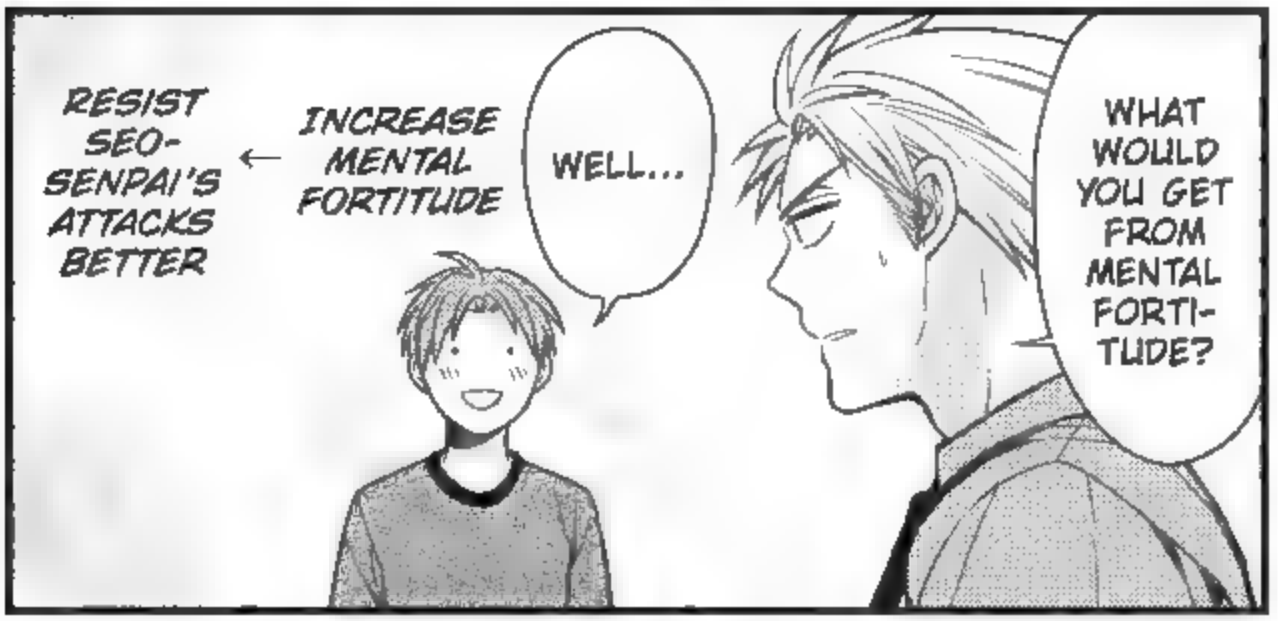
AND THE THINGS THAT SUZUKI WOULD SAY ON A TWO-PAGE SPREAD...
YEAH...
YOU MEAN SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT...!?
WOW!!

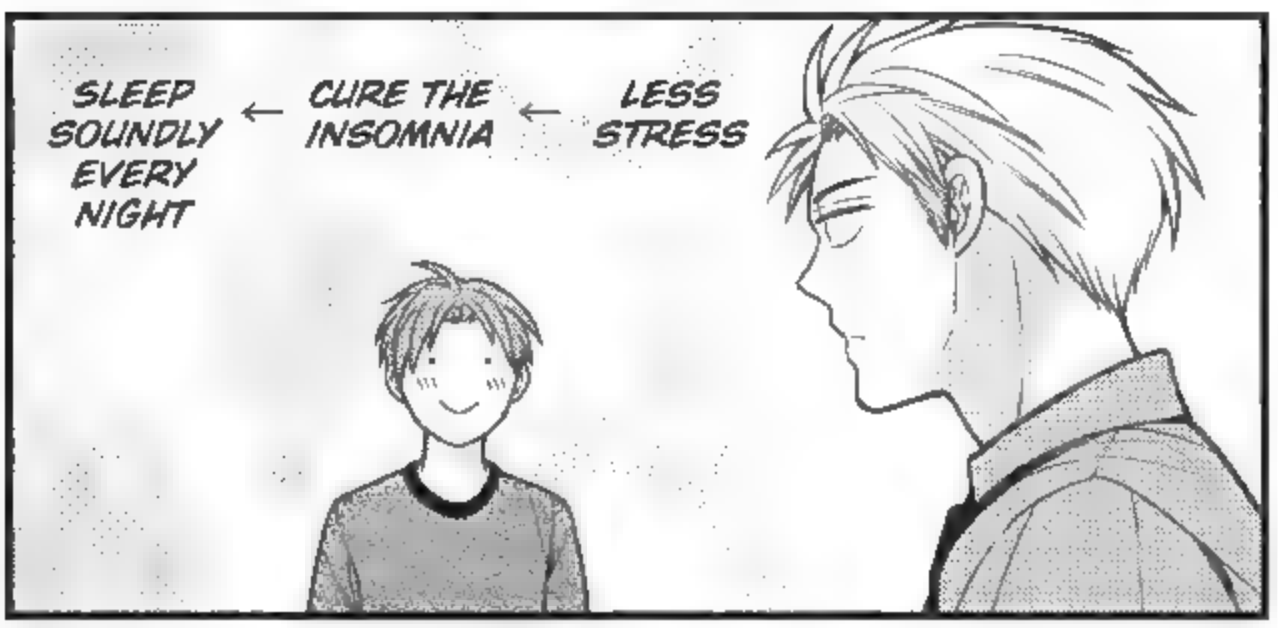
WHAT DOES SHE DO AT THE CLIMAX!?
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE STILL SETTING UP THE EVERYDAY STUFF!!!
HERE
WHOA!!!
...SHE'LL SAY IN THE THIRD PANEL OF THE SECOND PAGE.

...SO FOR HER CLIMAX...
YEAH... SHE'D CALL FOR SPARKLY TONES FROM HER FIRST ENTRANCE ONWARD, SO...
ACK!
WHAT SORT OF TONE WOULD YOU USE FOR HER!?
THEN WHAT ABOUT HER TONE...!?

WHY ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT TONE HERE?
DO THAT AT HOME.
I've learned some-thing...!!!
...we'd use roses...!!!

HUH?
ACTU-ALLY, I'M...
...TRYING TO WORK ON MY MENTAL FORTI-TUDE!
WHY THAT ...?
HUH?
YOU CAME TO WATCH KASHIMA?


RESIST SEO-SENPAI'S ATTACKS BETTER
← INCREASE MENTAL FORTITUDE
WELL...
WHAT WOULD YOU GET FROM MENTAL FORTI-TUDE?


SLEEP SOUNDLY EVERY NIGHT
← CURE THE INSOMNIA
← LESS STRESS

WHY DID IT TAKE A BAD TURN?
GET A HEADACHE FROM OVER-SLEEPING ←
AH ...!

HUH?
YOU'RE ...
OH!
HELLO !!
?
WHAT ?
YOU TWO'VE MET BEFORE?

YEAH.
WE ALL WENT SHOPPING FOR GIRLS' SWIMSUITS THIS ONE TIME.
WITH CHIYO-CHAN AND YUZUKI.
BA (WHIP)
BA
HE'S ALREADY GOT A FAIR BIT OF MENTAL FORTI-TUDE, DOESN'T HE!?

UM...I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GUY BACK THEN, KASHIMA-SENPAI...
SORRY.
OH ...
I GET IT.
BEING THE ONLY GUY THERE WOULD BE HELL, WOULDN'T IT?
HOW'D YOU SURVIVE THAT?
UMM...
I'M PRETTY SURE...

...HE PICKED OUT UNDER-WEAR FOR YUZUKI.
BA
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON IN HIS BRAIN!?

WE'RE MISSING A LOT OF PEOPLE TODAY.

HMM... IF YOU WANT TO FIND SOME COURAGE, THEN WHY NOT TRY GETTING UP ON THE STAGE?

WHAA —!?

I CAN'T DO THAT!!

ME!?

SENPAI ...

DO IT. DO IT!

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TRANS-FORM YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?

THAT'S PER-FECT.

LET'S GO ALL OUT AND DO THIS!!!

OH... THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR ME TO BECOME SOMEONE DIFFERENT FROM MY USUAL SELF...

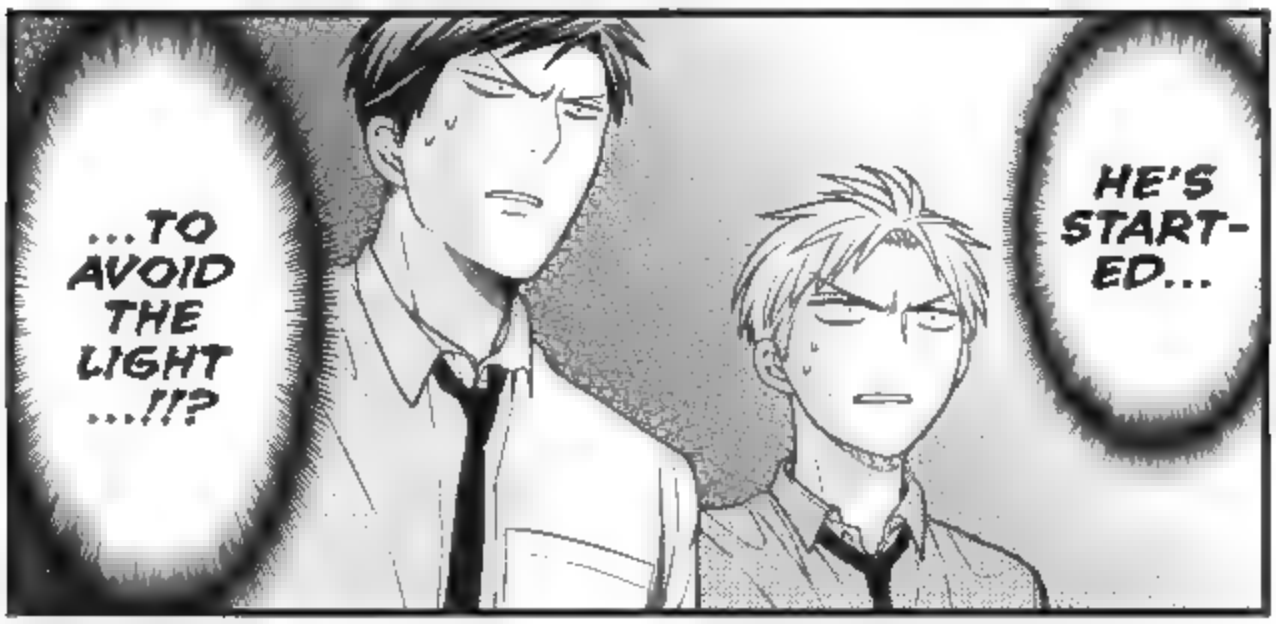
THERE'S BARELY ANY CHANGE!!!

VILLAGER C: "HELP ME! I'M SO SCARED OF THE COUNT THAT I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT!"

BI (FWIP)

OKAY! I'LL DO THIS ONE!!!

HOW HE OVERCOMES IT



YOU CAN JUST STOP IF YOU HATE IT THAT MUCH, YOU KNOW!!!?
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING!?
KSHEE!
HFF!
KSHEE!
I THOUGHT MAYBE... I DIDN'T HAVE TO TALK IF THE LIGHT DIDN'T HIT ME.

IT'S MORE LIKE VILLAGER C IS REALLY GETTING IN THE WAY!!!
IT'S ALL ABOUT TEAM-WORK...
BUT IF I DROP OUT IN THE MIDDLE, THAT'LL JUST CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR EVERYONE ELSE, WON'T IT...?

SENPAI ...
C'MON. LET'S TAKE A BREAK.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOUR-SELF.

HORI-SEN-PAI!
THIS GUY'S REALLY ANNOY-ING!!!
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU WORK ME, I CAN TAKE IT!
NO !!!
I CAN STILL DO IT !!!
DON'T GIVE UP-ON ME!!

HE SEEMS KINDA DUMB...

LET ME GIVE YOU THIS, YOUNG WAKA-MATSU.

THAT'S ...

...AN EYE-PATCH ...?

THIS IS YOUR MASK.

IF YOU PUT THIS ON, YOU'LL TURN INTO A COOL GUY OVER-FLOWING WITH CONFI-DENCE.

MY.. MASK ...?

...THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM.

YOU THINK HE'LL TRANS-FORM?

AN ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL KID MIGHT ...

...BUT THAT'LL NEVER WORK ON A HIGH SCHOOLER.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

BASA (FWAP)

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

HE REALLY IS AN IDIOT !!!

THEY TRIED HAVING HIM PLAY THE MAIN VILLAIN.

WELL...

...AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN BEING A VILLAGER ...

JUST BE CAREFUL I DON'T STEAL THE LEAD FROM UNDER YOUR NOSE.

I'M SCARED HORI-CHAN! OF WAKA-MATSU-KUN!

WELL...

...I GUESS HE'S JUST... GETTING INTO CHARAC-TER...

HE'S KIND OF COOL.

OH...

YEAH, WELL, I'M SURE HE'LL TURN BACK RIGHT AWAY.

YEAH.

I GUESS HE'S THE SORT OF GUY WHO GOES ALL-OUT.

HOW DID HE CHANGE SO SUDDENLY!?

AND GET BACK TO HIS SENSES.

HUH ...?

HE'S NOT GOING BACK ..!?

HE THOUGHT MAYBE NOW HE COULD WIN

OH, WAKA-MATSU!

YOU DIDN'T GO HOME!?

SEO-SENPAI'S HERE RIGHT NOW, SO MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY TO SNEAK AWAY BEFO—

I'M GOING OUT ON THE COURT.

WHAT!?

!

HEY ... YOU ...

PI!! (FWEEE)

LET'S JUST GET THIS MATCH STARTED.

DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS...

... SENPAI.

HE JUST WOULDN'T LISTEN!

.....

I WANTED TO TELL HIM THAT HE WAS GONNA FALL IF HE PLAYED WITH AN EYEPATCH ON.

WELL...
ALSO, MY FACE HURTS...
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER A POINT. DID I DO SOMETHING BAD?
BACK TO NOR-MAL

MAYBE IT REALLY WAS HIDDEN SOMEWHERE DEEP DOWN INSIDE HIM...
YOU KNOW, THAT PERSONA OF HIS... IT WAS WAY TOO PERFECT FOR HIM TO HAVE JUST MADE IT UP ON THE SPOT...

俺の言うことを聞け!!
DO WHAT I SAY!
The cool, confident, and arrogant hero
"Don't talk to me like we're friends."

I TOLD YOU...
...TO STOP REFERENCING SHOUJO MANGA!!!

[ISSUE 52]

COULD YOU GIVE LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ A BIT OF A HORROR TWIST?

WE'D LIKE TO DO A HORROR COLLECTION FOR THE SPECIAL SUMMER ISSUE.

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MAGAZINE: GIRLS' ROMANCE HORROR CO...

WOW!

YOU CAN DO HORROR?

HMM?

JUST A LITTLE HORROR.

...I THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A BIT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

...SO...

THIS IS REALLY GOOD!

WE COULD...

IT'S REALLY DRAWING IT OUT!

...STILL LAUGH.

HEE HEE HEE...

AH HA HA HA...

OHHH!

IT'S GOT THE FEEL!

WE HAD NO IDEA THAT THINGS WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THAT...

IT WAS MEANT TO BE A FUN TRIP.

WAIT, WHAT HAP-PENED!?

YOU HAVE TO SHOW IT!!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE...

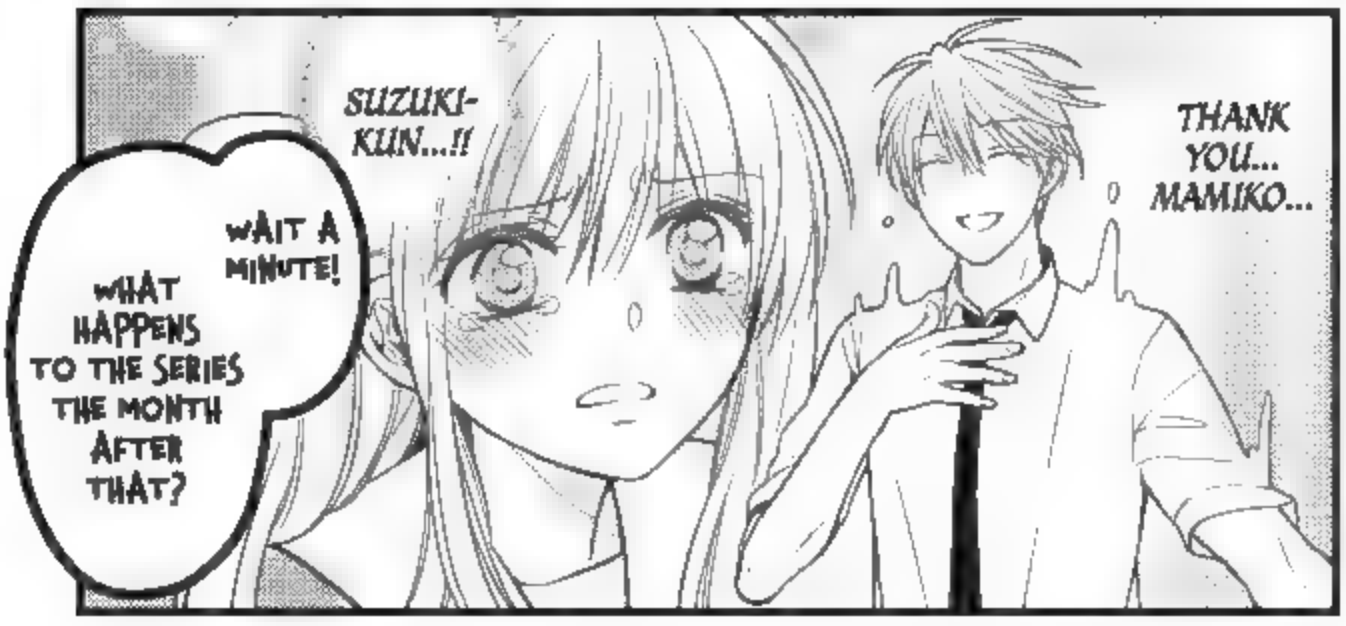
...THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED THERE...

THE END...

BUT I NEVER NOTICED IT.

FARE-WELL.

THAT LONELY-BUT-HAPPY ENDING...
...MAKES YOU FEEL KIND OF WIST-FUL.
...HAVE TO GO.
I...
IN HORROR STORIES WITH GHOSTS, IT ALWAYS ENDS WITH THE GHOST MOVING ON, RIGHT?


WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SERIES THE MONTH AFTER THAT?
SUZUKI-KUN...!!
THANK YOU... MAMIKO...

THAT FINAL REUNION SCENE WOULD BE SO RELIEVING.
LIKE, "HE'S ALIVE!!"
HIS BODY IS ASLEEP AT THE HOSPITAL.
I COULD ALWAYS HAVE HIM APPEAR AS A WANDERING SOUL SEPARATED FROM HIS BODY.

WASSHOI!
BUT SUZUKI-KUN'S DOING JUST FINE IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE, ISN'T HE?
SABUROU WORKING HARD TO CARRY THE PORTABLE SHRINE
HE WOKE UP FROM HIS SIX-MONTH COMA ...!!!
NO WAY ...
I CAME TO SEE THE REAL YOU...!
PACHI (BLINK)
MAMI ...KO ... ...?

GIVING UP

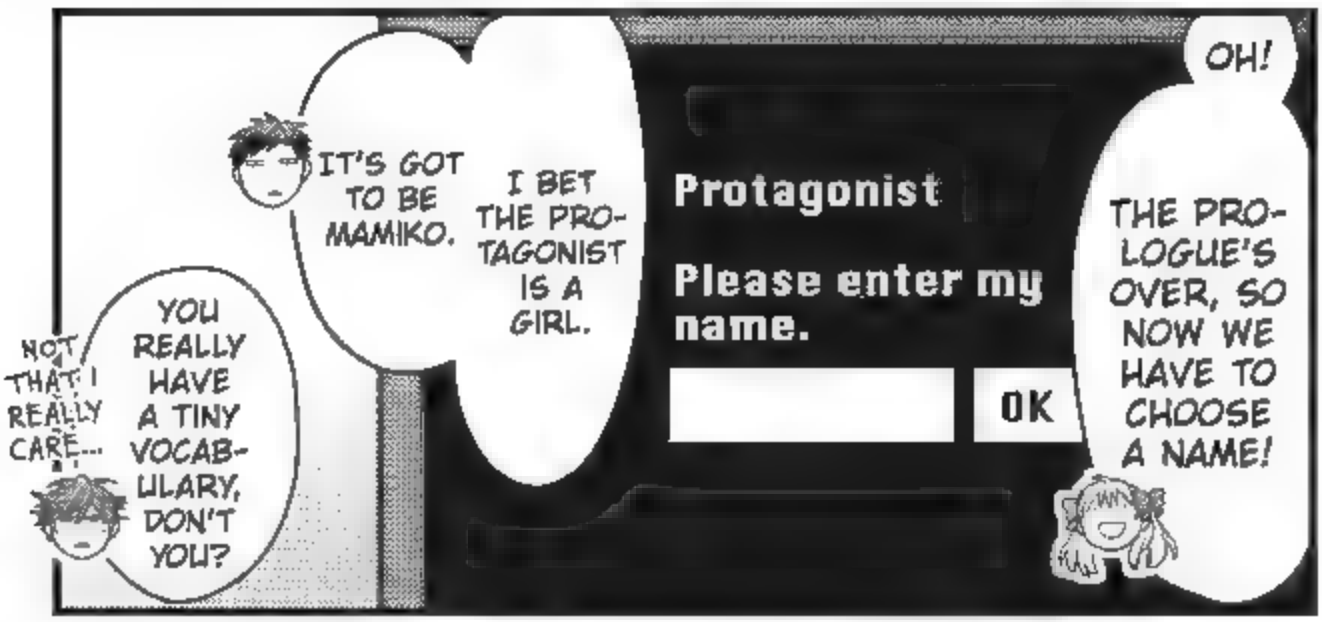
RENTAL
Horror collection
HORROR COLLECTION
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HORROR, DO YOU?
LET'S WATCH SOME DVDS.
A MOVIE, HUH ...?
OF COURSE, YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE UP IF IT GETS TOO SCARY FOR YOU.

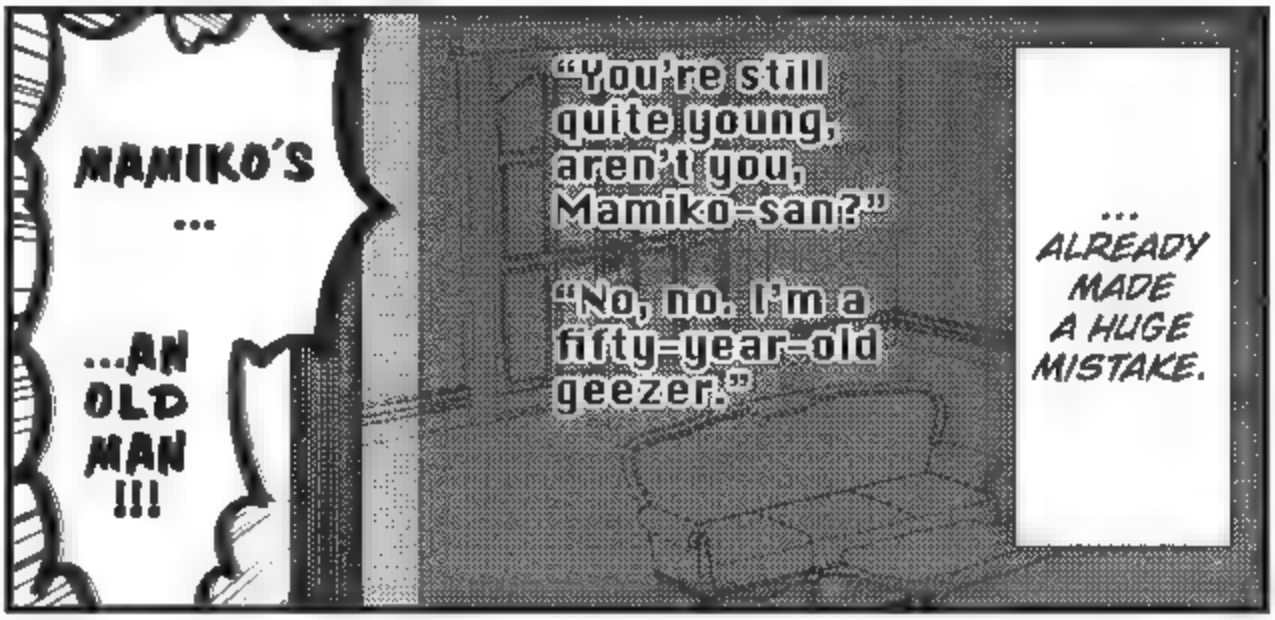
.....
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY
"It wasn't supposed to be like this..."
Ha ha ha! You'll be cursed too...
By watching this movie

HMM...?
"THE MOST FRIGHTENING IMAGE OF THE SUMMER IS WAITING FOR YOU..."
HUH...
KIDS
...SO MAYBE A KIDS' MOVIE WOULD BE BETTER!!
I MEAN, IT IS SHOUJO MANGA ...

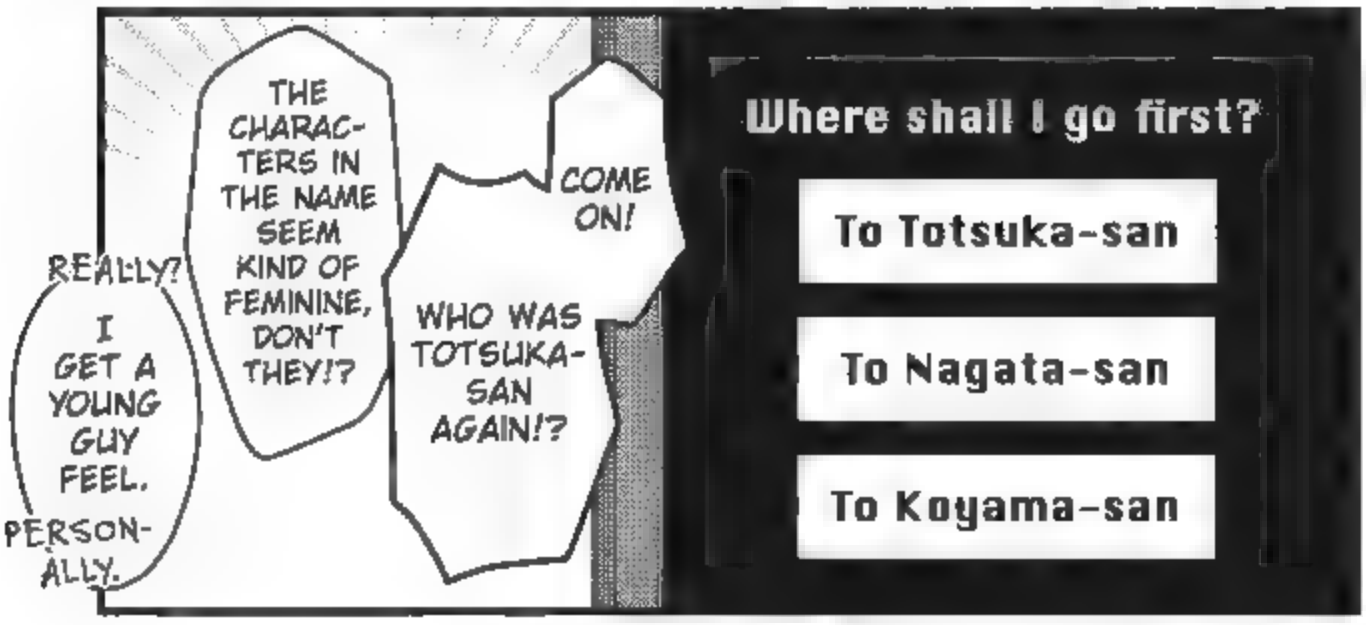
SU (FWISH)
...STOP GIVING UP JUST FROM THE DESCRIP-TION.
MIKO-SHIBA ...

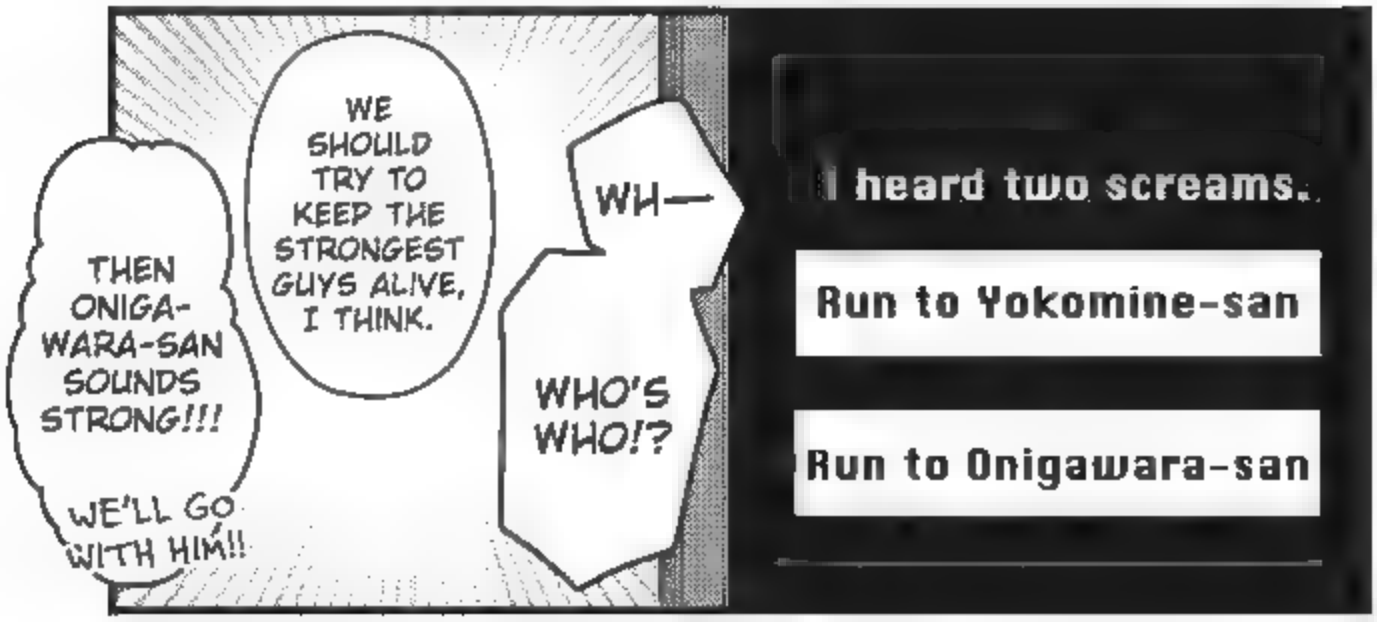
READ CAREFULLY





THE MANSION'S RESIDENTS KEEP APPEARING!
OH! ...
TWELVE OF THEM, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, HUH...?
THIS IS REALLY HARD...
SO BASICALLY, WE HAVE TO MAKE DEDUCTIONS.
...WAS ABOUT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH WHILE ALSO TRYING TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE IN A CURSED KILLER MANSION.
THE GAME ...


REALLY? I GET A YOUNG GUY FEEL. PERSONALLY.
THE CHARACTERS IN THE NAME SEEM KIND OF FEMININE, DON'T THEY!?
COME ON!
WHO WAS TOTSUKA-SAN AGAIN!?
Where shall I go first?
To Totsuka-san
To Nagata-san
To Koyama-san


THEN ONIGAWARA-SAN SOUNDS STRONG!!!
WE'LL GO WITH HIM!!
WE SHOULD TRY TO KEEP THE STRONGEST GUYS ALIVE, I THINK.
WH—
WHO'S WHO!?
I heard two screams.
Run to Yokomine-san
Run to Onigawara-san

ONIGAWARA-SAN'S A WOMAN!?
Onigawara-san came running up to me, her skirt flapping around her legs.
"Oh, good...!! I was just...so scared...!"

IN ORDER TO BETTER IDENTIFY

A BUSINESS-WOMAN, HUH?

WHAT SORT OF PERSON SHOULD WE MAKE HER?

OHH?

MIZUNO-SAN, THE TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, HUH?

"Mizuno-san's already in her room."

"Mizuno-san?"

"She's a twenty-five-year-old businesswoman."

OH!

IT'S A NEW PER-SON.

...A STUDENT WHO WAS SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH HER TOLD HER HOW HE FELT.

SENSEI! I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU...!!

TOORU-KUN...

LET'S SEE...

SHE WAS A PRIVATE TUTOR BEFORE SHE CAME HERE.

ONE DAY...

SERI-OUSLY...? THEN WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO KEEP HER ALIVE!

OKAY!

LET'S PROTECT MIZUNO-SAN!!

UNTIL THAT DAY SEVERAL YEARS IN THE FUTURE WHEN THEY WOULD REUNITE...

BUT HE WAS A MINOR ...

SO SHE DECIDED TO REMOVE HERSELF FROM HIS LIFE WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.

IT DIDN'T WORK.

PIKO (BEEP)

"Oh no!!"

Just then, a panicked voice called out.

"Mizuno-san is dead!!"

YEAH.
THIS SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO MAKE DEDUC-TIONS.
WE FINALLY HAVE PICTURES FOR ALL OF THEM!!
NOW I THINK WE CAN REMEMBER THEM.

THIS...
...IS LIKE THE BOSS.
A FOX SPIRIT, HUH...?
"That means that there's someone among us... who's been possessed by a fox spirit."
"What!?"

WHAT SORT OF PROOF DO YOU HAVE...!?
HUH!?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT SO DEFINI-TIVELY!?
I THINK IT'S KON-DOU-KUN.
I THINK IT'S SAKAMAKI-SAN.

DO SOME ACTUAL DEDUC-TION!
...WOULD LOOK THE BEST AS A FOX!
WELL, THEY...
TOOO3~
TOOO~
KONDOU-KUN
AGE 7, NAUGHTY
SAKAMAKI-SAN
AGE 19, PALE BEAUTY

AFTER THAT...
...WE JUST CONTINUED WITH THE STORY WITHOUT TRYING TO DEDUCE ANYTHING ELSE.
HEY, MAMIKO'S STROKING HER MUSTACHE AGAIN!!
I THOUGHT NAGATA-SAN WAS SUSPICIOUS RIGHT FROM THE START...
IS IT TOTSUKA-SAN!?
IT'S NOT TOYOGAWA-SAN!?

UMM.
"YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN POSSESSED BY THE FOX SPIRIT, MAMIKO-SAN."
TA-DAA!
THERE ARE ONLY THREE PEOPLE LEFT. I REALLY DON'T CARE WHO IT IS ANYMORE.
SO IT'S FINALLY GOING TO BE REVEALED ...
BORI
BORI
BORI
BORI
BORI
BORI (CRUNCH)

... HMM?
HEY, THAT'S ...!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, SHE WAS FISHY.
GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF IT'S HER.
...SO IT WAS MAMIKO ...
BORI
BORI
BORI
BORI

IT'S THE SAME!!!
THE WIFE'S NAME IS MAMIKO!!?
I can't go back to being a person. I think back on my wife, who I left behind at home.
"Mamiko...I don't think I'm coming home..."
N—
NO WAY...

AFRAID OF THE DARK

IT WAS SO WARM...

DO DO DO (THUMP) DO DO

IT'S OKAY I— ...

SORRY ABOUT THAT, SAKURA.

WAIT A MINUTE!

CAN WE TURN OFF THE LIGHTS AGAIN!?

C—

WAAAAH!

I CAN'T STOP BLUSH-ING!!!

MIKO-RIN...

...more clearly ...

I want to see your face...

It's such a waste to hide in the dark.

BIKU (FLINCH)

...YOU'RE SCARED OF THE DARK?

... DON'T TELL ME...

HMM.
NOT REALLY THE GAME.
SO, WAS THE GAME HELPFUL TO YOU?

BIKU
ZUU
BUT I THOUGHT OF SOME-THING WHEN WE MADE THE ROOM GO DARK...

GOSO
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
HERE IT IS.
COULD IT BE FROM THAT TIME ...!?

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE KEN-SAN HATE YOU, YOU KNOW.
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING !!
HEY!! WHAT HAP-PENED !?
KYA!
MAMI-KO!!!
THIS MAKES IT SO MUCH EASIER, DON'T YOU THINK?
I'LL STAY WITH YOU.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
SUZUKI-KUN...?
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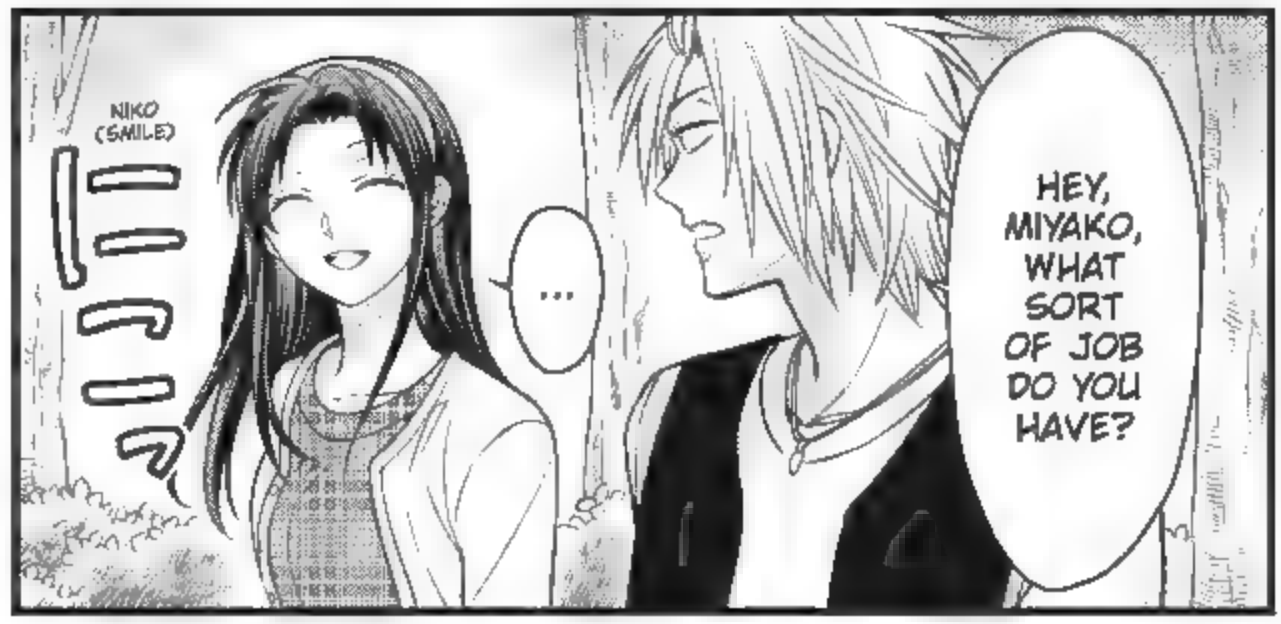
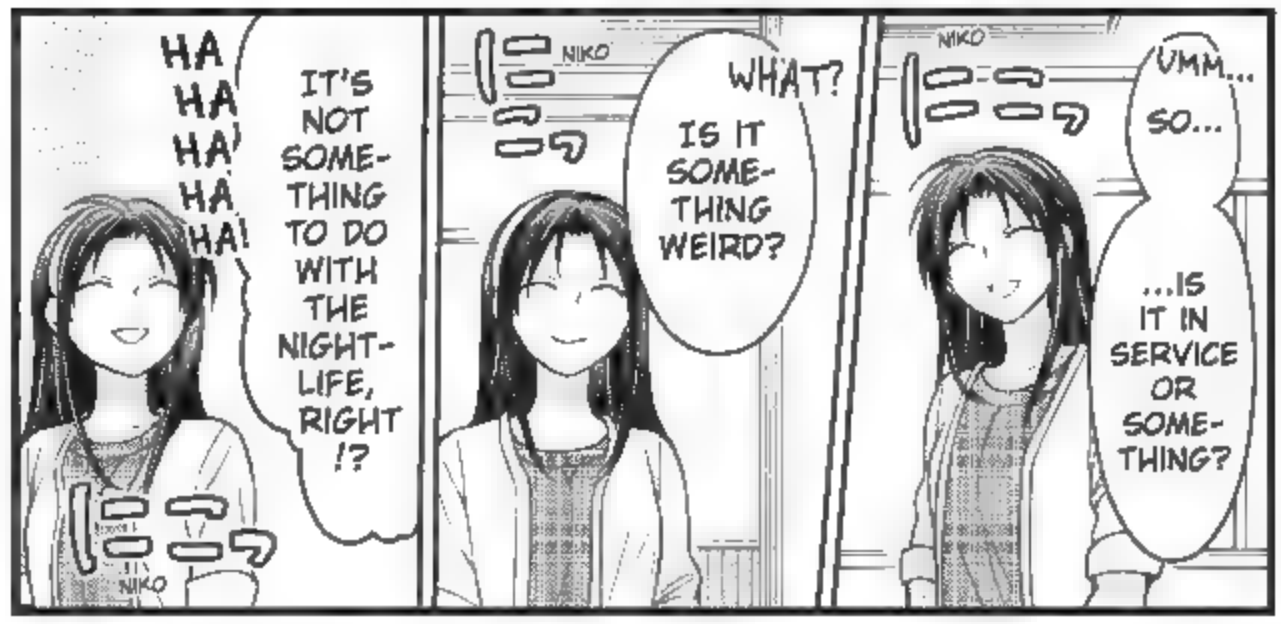
KYU (SQUEEZE)

SHE ACCIDENTALLY SAID IT OUT LOUD.

[ISSUE 53]

YOU KEEP THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A MANGA-KA A SECRET, RIGHT, MIYAKO-SAN?
NO ONE FINDS OUT ABOUT IT?
YOU DO USE YOUR REAL NAME...
WELL ...
...I CAN PASS A LOT OF THINGS OFF IF I JUST SMILE.
I'M JUST FINE!


HEY, MIYAKO, WHAT SORT OF JOB DO YOU HAVE?
...
NIKO (SMILE)

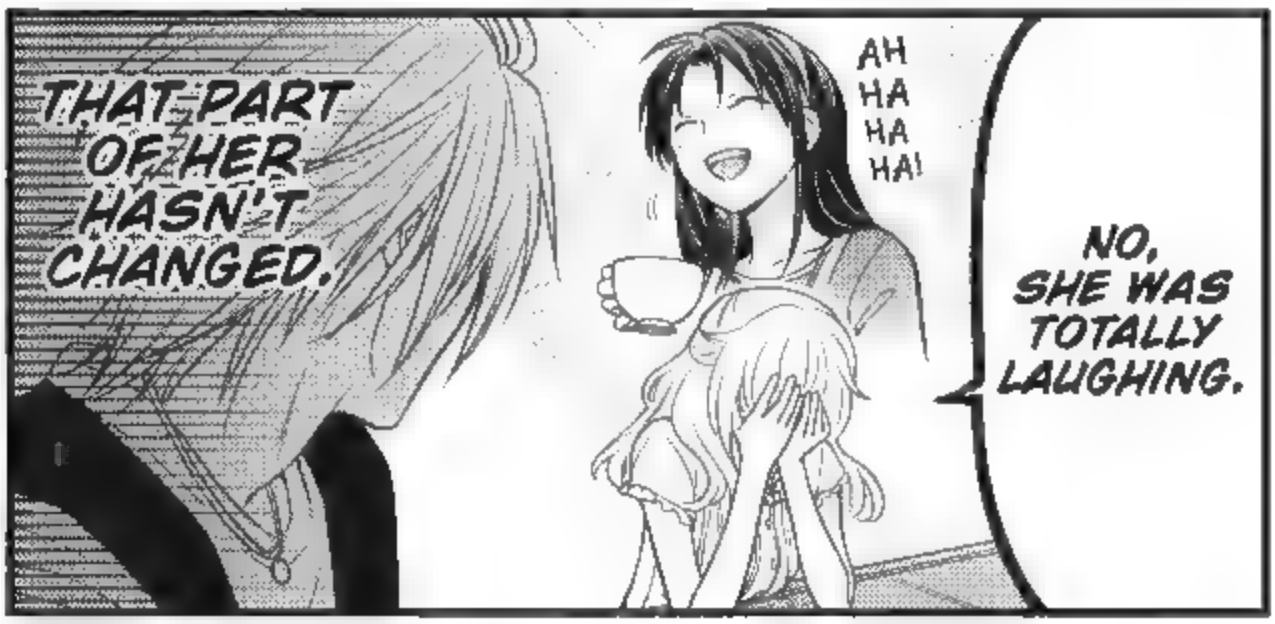

HA HA HA HA!
IT'S NOT SOME-THING TO DO WITH THE NIGHT-LIFE, RIGHT!?
NIKO
WHAT?
IS IT SOME-THING WEIRD?
NIKO
UMM... SO...
...IS IT IN SERVICE OR SOME-THING?

I WAS TOO SCARED TO ASK ANY-THING ELSE...
GIVE IT UP ALREADY.
SHE'S GOT SOME SERIOUS DEMONS, MAN.
YOU SHOULDN'T GET TOO INVOLVED!

WHA—!!?
FOR REAL!!?
GATA (CLATTER)
BA (WHIP)
SO, DID YOU KNOW THAT MIYAKO HAS A BOY-FRIEND?

AH-HA-HA!
THAT SAME MIYAKO...
...HAS GOTTEN INTO STUFF LIKE THAT...?
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT...?
...NO WAY...
YORO (STAGGER)
...ANOTHER WOMAN!!
I'M THINKING OF ADDING...
AND WHAT'S MORE, HE'S A HIGH SCHOOL BOY WITH A THING FOR CHEATING.
THAT CONVER-SATION SUCKED...

THAT... MUST HAVE REALLY GOTTEN HER DOWN...
SERI-OUSLY...?
ACTUALLY, I JUST HAPPENED TO SEE THEM FIGHTING THE OTHER DAY...


THAT PART OF HER HASN'T CHANGED.
AH HA HA HA!
NO, SHE WAS TOTALLY LAUGHING.

SORRY FOR DRAGGING YOU WITH ME, NOZAKI-KUN.

I JUST DON'T LIKE COMING HERE ALONE...

IT'S OKAY.

I WAS STUCK ON MY OWN DRAFT TOO...

WHAT SORT OF STORY ARE YOU DOING THIS TIME?

ONE WHERE MAMIKO AND SUZUKI GET ALL LOVEY-DOVEY.

SO THE USUAL?

WHAT SORT OF STORY ARE YOU DOING?

THIS TIME, I THINK I'M GOING TO TRY MY HAND AT A TRANS-FORMATION STORY!

A NEW GENRE!

OH?

CAN I HAVE A LOOK?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HELP US.

!

...NO WAY...

DOWN HERE.

BA (WHIP)

THIS VOICE ...!?

...THE TANUKI !!?

BLIN (WOOSH)

BLIN

BLIN

YOU MEAN ...

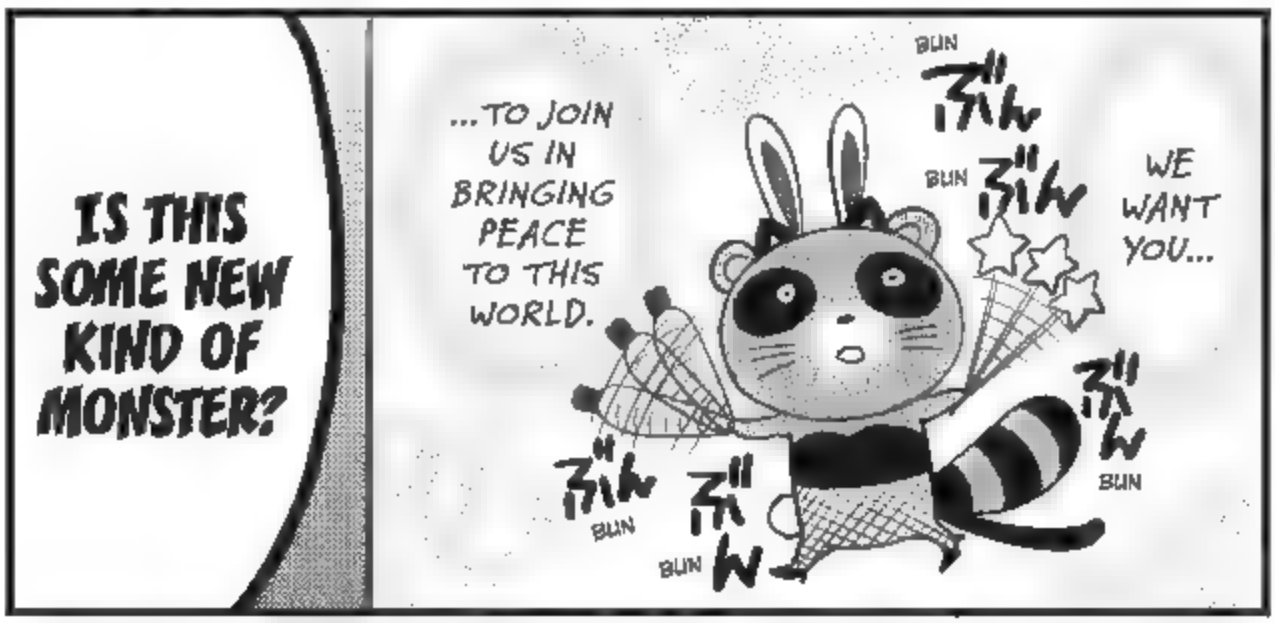
IT'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS, ISN'T IT?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD SURPRISE ME AT THIS POINT.

LIKE, "MROOow"!
THEN WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CAT EARS?
WELL, THAT'S BETTER THAN TANUKI...
LIKE THIS?
MROOOW!
CAT...

MIYAKO-SAN...
...THAT'S DISTURB-ING.
TRANSFORM INTO A CAT GIRL!!!
PAAAAAAAA! (FWOOOSH)

WELL, THAT COULD BE BETTER THAN THE CAT...
LIKE THIS?
GARI (SKRITCH)
GARI
GARI
BUNNY ...
THEN WHAT ABOUT A BUNNY GIRL!?


IS THIS SOME NEW KIND OF MONSTER?
...TO JOIN US IN BRINGING PEACE TO THIS WORLD.
BUN
BUN
BUN
BUN
BUN
WE WANT YOU...

THIS TIME...
WHAT THE HELL'S SO FUN ABOUT SOME BRAT...?
HMPH!
A HIGH SCHOOLER BOY-FRIEND, HUH...?
PINPOON (DING-DONG)
ピンポーン
WELCOME!
BYOUSUKE SEO

...I THINK I'M GOING TO TRY MY HAND AT A TRANS-FORMATION STORY!
GACHAAAN (CLATTER)
ガチャーン

SHE'S GONNA SHOW HIM!!?
A LOOK !!?
PICTURES!? DOES SHE HAVE PICTURES !!?
WHOoooooA!
CAN I HAVE A LOOK?
OH?
TH—
COS-PLAY !!?
WAIT, NEVER MIND THAT!
THAT'S THE BOY-FRIEND ...

IT'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS, ISN'T IT?
COLLEGE STUDENT
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

UMM.
THEN
...
I'M THE ONLY ONE GETTING WORKED UP HERE. ISN'T THAT KINDA STUPID !!?
KAAA (BLUSH)
WH—
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THAT BASTARD ...!?

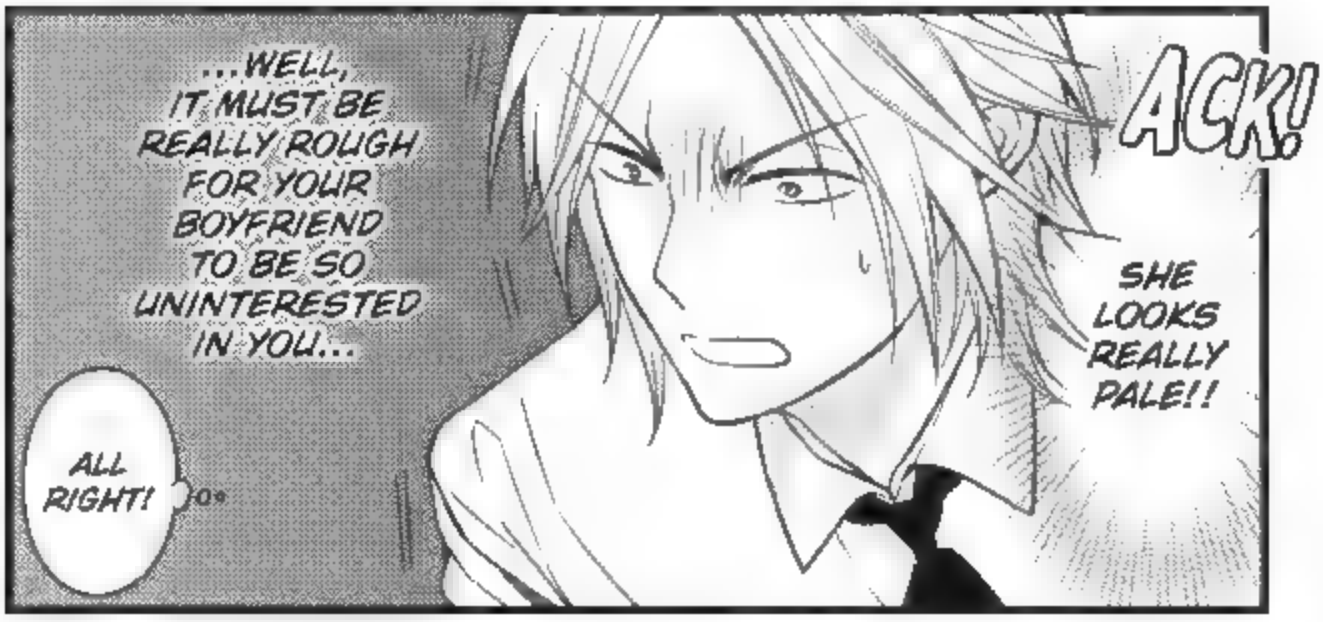
CAT EARS ...!!!
MROOow!
KA
!!!
...WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CAT EARS?

...WHAT ABOUT A BUNNY GIRL!?
THEN ...
WHA —!!?
BA (WHAT)
THAT'S DISTURB-ING.

HOW... CAN HE LOOK AT HIS GIRL-FRIEND LIKE THAT?
IS THIS SOME NEW KIND OF MONSTER?

OH?
RYOU-SUKE-KUN?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. HERE ARE YOUR CAKE SET AND COFFEE.

MY FRIEND'S A MANGA-KA!
THIS IS BAD... HE SEEMS THE TALKING TYPE, SO IT'LL BE A BIG HASSLE IF HE FINDS OUT THAT I'M A MANGA-KA...
BA (WHAP)
ACK!
HE DIDN'T HEAR THAT CONVERSA-TION JUST NOW, DID HE...!?


...WELL, IT MUST BE REALLY ROUGH FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND TO BE SO UNINTERESTED IN YOU...
ALL RIGHT!
ACK!
SHE LOOKS REALLY PALE!!

STOPP!!!
!?
Well, I'll have you know ...
...I'm really interested in you!!!
DON (THUMP)

"STOP," HUH...? I GUESS MAYBE I AM INTERFERING IN HER EYES...
KOSO (HIDE)
KOSO
HEH...
BUT I...

GET UP HERE !!
HEY! YOU THERE !
...DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE!!!

NU (LOOM)
.....

PLEASE SIT BACK DOWN.

DAMMIT!
YOU MAY BE GIGANTIC, BUT YOU'VE STILL GOT SOME NERVE!!
BA (WHAP)
RYOU-SUKE-KUN!!?

.....
(STARE)
WHAT DO I DO IF HE COMES AT ME FROM BEHIND...!?
BIKU (NERVOUS)
...HE'S NOT COMING AFTER ME...
WAIT, BUT...
BIKU
SHIT...I COULDN'T HELP BUT THROW IN THAT LAST JAB...

BA

GIRI (STRAIN)
GIRI
GIRI
BIKU
NO-ZAKI-KUN!
CON-TROL YOUR-SELF !!!

"RYOU-SUKE-SAN," RIGHT? I KIND OF LIKE HIM.
HE'S NOT A BAD GUY...
IT'S OKAY.
SORRY MY FRIEND WAS SUCH A BOTHER ...

HUH ...?
GARI (SKRITCH)
GARI
GARI
I KNOW. MAYBE THE NEXT STORY SHOULD BE ABOUT SUZUKI GETTING A JOB.
HE LOOKED PRETTY COOL IN THAT UNIFORM TOO...

WHAT'S THIS...? HEARING RYOUSUKE-KUN PRAISED LIKE THAT KIND OF MAKES ME HAPPY...
.....
GARI
GARI
GARI
OH, AND I CAN HAVE HIS SENPAI AT WORK GET ALL JEALOUS TOO...
I'LL USE THE WAY RYOU-SUKE-SAN CARRIED THOSE PLATES AS A REFER-ENCE...

...NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THAT SIDE CHARACTER IS RYOUSUKE-KUN!!!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE FOR BEING A NEWBIE!!!
DAM-MIT!
DON'T YOU TOUCH MAMIKO !!!
BUT, NOZAKI-KUN...

WE'D LIKE TO PAY SEPARATELY.

DAMN...! IN THE END, I COULDN'T DO A THING...

MIYAKO !!!

I WOULD !!!

GASHI (GRAB)

I WOULD ...!!!

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ...!? I— ANYTHING I CAN SAY IN FRONT OF HER BOYFRIEND ...?

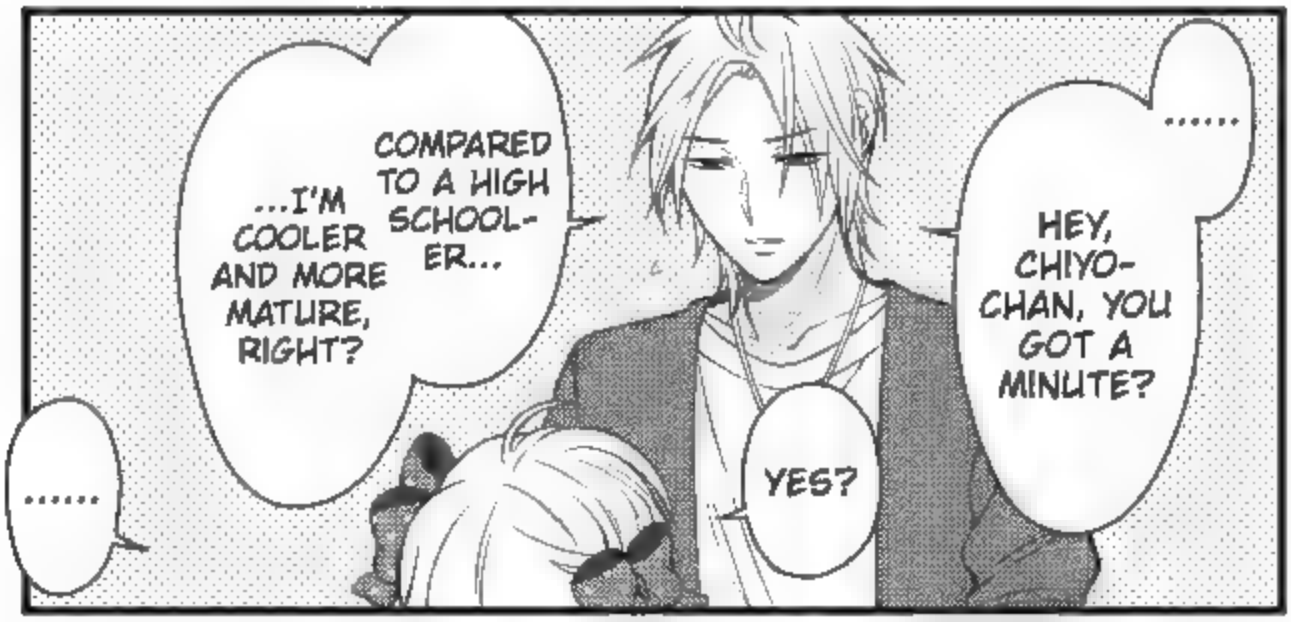
...BE TOTALLY THRILLED IF YOU WORE A BUNNY GIRL OUTFIT!!!

I WOULD ...

!!?

OH!
RYOU-SUKE-SAN.
...I'M HOME...

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO TINY.
WHY ARE YOU PLAYING FETCH FOR MY SISTER?
OH...
CHIYO-CHAN, HUH?
WE'RE HAVING SOME JUICE.
SORRY TO IN-TRUDE!


.....
...I'M COOLER AND MORE MATURE, RIGHT?
COMPARED TO A HIGH SCHOOL-ER...
YES?
HEY, CHIYO-CHAN, YOU GOT A MINUTE?
.....

STOP TRYING TO BRUSH ME OFF BY SMILING!!!
NIKO (SMILE)

RYOUSUKE SEO

COLLEGE STUDENT, AGE TWENTY. MIYAKO-SAN'S CLASSMATE. YUZUKI'S BROTHER.

...I'M TALLER, COOLER, AND MORE ADULT THAN THE HIGH SCHOOL GUYS IN YOUR LIVES?

FROM A COMMON POINT OF VIEW, DON'T YOU THINK...

...SO...

...TELL ME, HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS.

HORI-SENPAI IS COOLER THAN YOU, ONII-SAN!

HIS KICKS ARE REALLY FAST!!!

WAKA'S TALLER THAN YOU, NII-CHAN.

GEEZ!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

UGH...

IT'S OKAY. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND SAY "WHAT'S-HIS-NAME IS MUCH BETTER~! ♡" TOO, CHIYO-CHAN...

NOW HE'S GETTING DOWN AGAIN!!!

HON-ESTLY, YOU TWO!

SHE'S EVIL!

YOU DON'T HOLD A CANDLE TO HIM!

...TO BE HONEST, I RAN INTO RYOUSUKE-KUN AT THE RESTAURANT THE OTHER DAY...
HUH!?
WHAA—!?
AT THE RES-TAU-RANT!?
D-DID HE SAY ANY-THING!?

H—
HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO WEAR A BUNNY GIRL OUTFIT...

... LISTEN UP, EVERY-ONE.
YOU KNOW THAT YUKARI IS SECRETLY WORKING A NIGHT JOB, RIGHT?
... WELL YEAH ...
THAT'S TOTALLY OBVIOUS ...
OF COURSE WE NOTICED.

APPAR-ENTLY, RYOU-SUKE GOES TO HER WORK-PLACE.
NO WAY!!!
AND HE REQUESTED A BUNNY GIRL OUTFIT.
WHAT THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING!!?

I'M CURRENTLY AT SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

I'M HAVING TWO ACQUAINTANCES WHO WERE DOING CLUB ACTIVITIES HELP ME OUT...

...AND WE'RE GOING TO WALK AROUND THE SCHOOL.

KOTSU COLADO

KOTSU

KOTSU

KOTSU...

I'M LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR MY HORROR STORY.

Ken-san

Sub: About the next story

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK. THIS IS YUMENO.

SCHOOL AT NIGHT...

MANLY SUZUKI...

FRIGHTENED MAMIKO...

THIS IS THE VERY EPITOME OF SUMMER-TIME!!!

...BUT, KEN-SAN, I...

NOT SCARED

NOT SCARED

...CHOSE...

← NOT SCARED

...THE WRONG PEOPLE.

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...AND SO...

...NOW...

...WE'RE GOING TO START OUR "TRIP AROUND THE SCHOOL TO TEST OUR COURAGE."

FIRST OFF, LET'S DECIDE WHO'S GOING TO BE SCARED.

ANY TAKERS?

THIS IS TOTALLY FAKE RIGHT FROM THE START, ISN'T IT?

BY THE WAY...

...THESE ARE THE THREE ROLES.

CAST

- Heroine → The frightened one
- Hero → The protector
- Foil ↳ Interfere in the proper way, like protecting or hitting on the heroine, or picking fights with or helping the hero

  Also other various tasks

THAT FOIL ROLE SOUNDS LIKE THE BUSIEST ONE OF ALL.

AND ANYONE WHO SAYS SOMETHING PARTICULARLY GOOD GETS BONUS POINTS!

SEE THIS SHEET!!

- I wanna use that!!! ...5P
- That's kinda good!! ...3P
- Not a bad point of view.☆ ...1P

YOU REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE HORROR AT ALL, DO YOU?

THE ACTORS

HMM ...?
A SCARED GIRL, HUH ...?
...OKAY, THEN, EXCUSE ME...
THE FRIGHTENED ONE: KASHIMA
SU (GRAB)
KASHI-MA... YOU CAN DO IT WHEN YOU TRY!!!
!!!
BURI (GIRLIE)
IF I GET SCARED ...
...CAN I HOLD ON HERE...?

I SAID I DIDN'T WANT TOOO !!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID WE SHOULD GO IN!!!
WHOA!
STOP IT! DON'T PUSH!
GUI GUI GUI (PUSH)
HURRY UP AND GO!
DON'T STOP !!!
NOOO!

I DON'T NEED THAT SORT OF REALITY.
AND DON'T GO ALONG WITH HER, SENPAI!!
AND THEN, THEY GET IN FIGHTS AT THE ENTRANCE.
YEAH, THEY DO.
THIS IS PRETTY MUCH HOW IT GOES AT HAUNTED HOUSES.

THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR YOU TO SHOW HIM THE APPEAL OF HIS ADOR-ABLE KOUHAI !!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
HUH !?
AND REALLY, KASHIMA!!! WHAT IS WITH YOU!!?

ARE YOU FOR REAL !!?
WHAAA !!!?
SENPAI SHOULD BE WEAK TO THAT KIND OF THING ...!!!
HA-HA-HA-HA. YOU'RE ADOR-ABLE!
SENPAAAAii
THE TIMID GIRL HIDING BEHIND HIM...

.....

NEITHER ONE OF YOU IS ADOR-ABLE!!!
AND DON'T CROUCH DOWN!!!

THE FRIGHTENED ONE: NOZAKI

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

THEN I'LL TAKE ON THE ROLE OF THE HEROINE.

OKAY, I GET IT.

WELL...

...HE IS A PRO...

CALL ME UMEKO!

NO MAN KNOWS THE FEMALE HEART LIKE I DO!

NEVER FEAR.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET SENPAI DO IT...

HUH...?

YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT...?

UGH!

I WANT TO GO!!!

YOU CAN SAY LET'S HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER, YOU KNOW!!!

Can I hold on to you...?

...TURN ME DOWN, OF COURSE.

YOU'D NEVER...

KYAA, I'M SCAAARED!

...YOU'LL GET LOTS OF POINTS!!

IF YOU COME RIGHT AWAY...

.....

UMEKO'S REALLY ANNOYING...

I'M NOT GOING TO BE SWAYED SO EASILY THOUGH!!!

BUN

BUN (SHAKE)

HA HA HA HA HA!

YOU'RE SCARED OF THE DARK? YOU'RE SO ADORABLE, UMEKO.

KYAA!

I'M SCARED!

THEY TRIED IT ANY-WAY.

HUH ...?

THIS FEEL-ING...

...

I'll change that heart pounding to a different sort of excite-ment.

But it's all right. Just hold on to my hand, okay?

...BUT I'LL CALL YOU THAT, JUST FOR TODAY.

I HATE TO DO THIS...

?

IT'S A BIT LATE NOW, BUT I THINK I CAN USE HER AS A REFER-ENCE FOR SUZUKI...

ZUUUN (GLOOM)

APPROVAL

AT LEAST REMEMBER MY NAME, UMEKO!

HEH!

APPROVAL

OKAY ...

... SUZUKI.

OVERLAPPING CHARACTERS

I HAVE TO DO IT TOO...?

WHAT A HASSLE...

YOU CAN PAT MY HEAD.

Mamiko

...YOU SHOULD BE FAWNING OVER ME LIKE A PROPER FOIL.

BY THE WAY, SEN-PAI...

ZA (FWOOSH)

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ZUZAA (SCREECH)

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BA (GRAB)

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DAMMIT!!!

YOU'RE GET-TING IN THE WAY...

...SU-ZUKI!!!

SIGN: GLEE CLUB

NAH, I'LL MAKE ONE UP RIGHT NOW.

DO YOU KNOW ANY?

SOME-THING SORDID AND PULPY...

TELLING SCARY STORIES WHILE WE WALK COULD WORK TOO.

NEVER MIND THAT.

I PUSHED THE DOOR OPEN WITH ALL MY MIGHT.

"WHO ...? WHO IS IT...?"

KATSU (CLACK)

...AND THEN ... ...

THERE WAS A LOUD SLAM.

KATSU

KATSU

"WAIT...! I DECIDED I WAS GOING TO MOVE ON WITH TOMO-KUN...!!!"

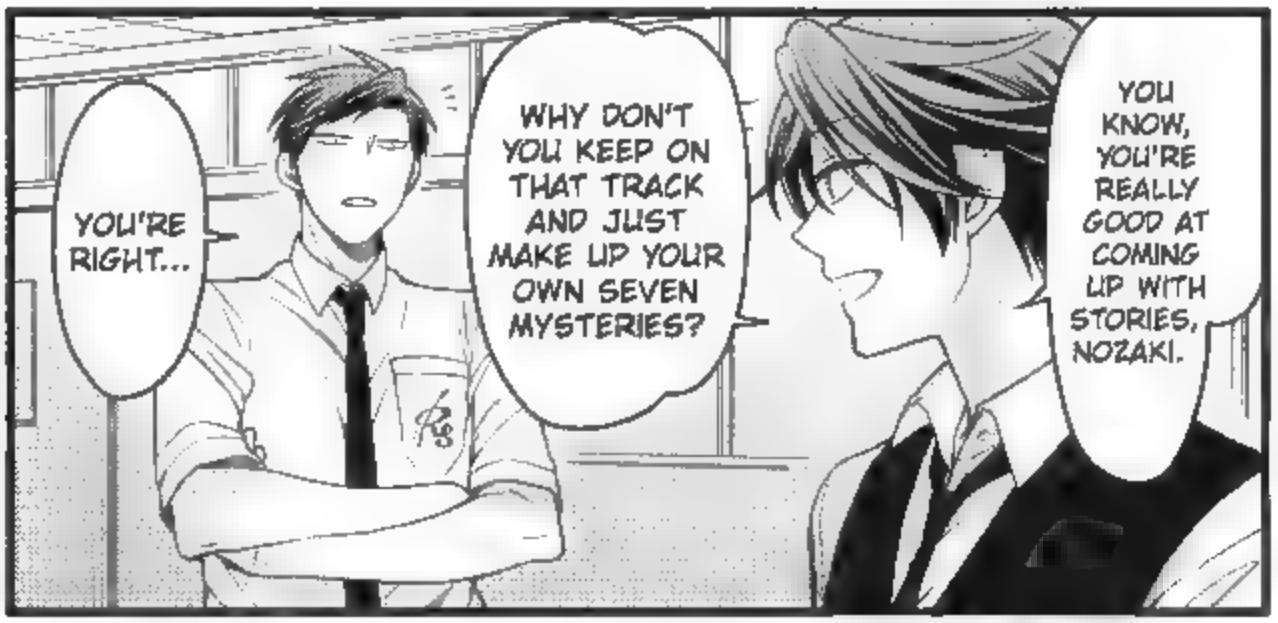
"I LOVE YOU!!" MAKOTO-KUN THE GHOST YELLED OUT.

IT'S PRETTY PULPY TOO...

HOW-MANY GUYS IS THAT?

IT'S DEFINITELY GOTTEN SORDID.

JUST THEN, MY FORMER LOVER TAKATSUKI-KUN APPEARED AND SAID, "DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE PROMISED ...?"


YOU KNOW, YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT COMING UP WITH STORIES, NOZAKI.
WHY DON'T YOU KEEP ON THAT TRACK AND JUST MAKE UP YOUR OWN SEVEN MYSTERIES?
YOU'RE RIGHT...

RUMOR HAS IT THERE'S A HANAKO-SAN IN THIS BATHROOM.
BUT ONE DAY...
...SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH TAROU-SAN FROM THE BOYS' BATHROOM AND FOUND HAPPINESS ...

THERE'S AN EVIL SPIRIT HAUNTING THIS MUSIC ROOM.
BUT ONE DAY...
...IT GOT A LOVE LETTER SAYING, "I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL MUSIC"...
ボロロン
BORORON (PADDLING)

FLOWERS CAME TO THE GYM EVERY NIGHT...
...AND HE PICKED HIS BALL BACK UP AND RAN TO HER.
WHAT IS WITH...
...THESE SEVEN MYSTERIES AND THEIR HAPPY ENDINGS ...?

SO WHAT DID NOZAKI WANT TO DO IN THE END?
I THINK...
...I CAN DRAW SOMETHING GOOD!!
HE LEFT LOOKING PRETTY SATISFIED...
UH...
WHO KNOWS ...?
IT JUST ... ...DOESN'T SIT RIGHT.

THEN... ...WANT TO GIVE THE TEST OF COURAGE ANOTHER GO?
I'LL TELL YOU MY BEST GHOST STORY!
HUH?
REALLY!? I WANNA HEAR IT!!

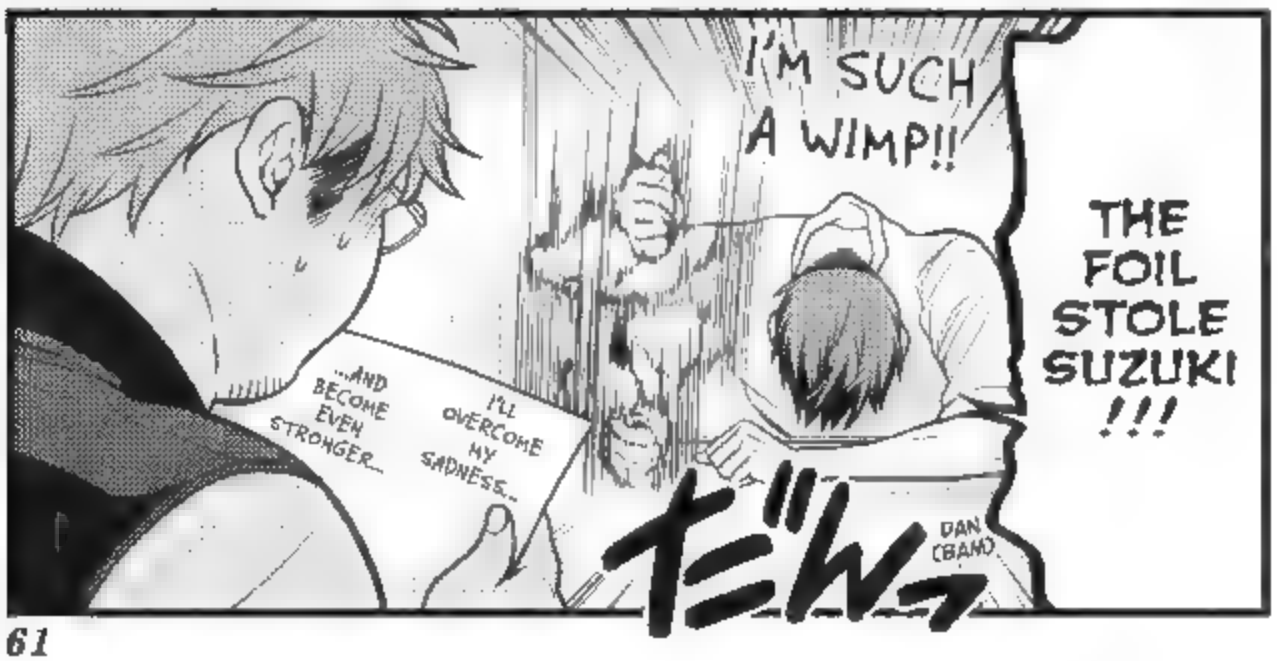
PURURURU (PRRR)
...it's about that adorable kouhai appeal that you were talking about earlier.
OH...
Well ...
HUH?
HORI-SEN-PAI?
WHAT IS-IT?
GACHA (CLICK)
ガチャッ

IT COULD WORK IF THEY'RE ACTUALLY SCARED, YOU KNOW.
BFFFT! KUH KUH...
Huh?

SO, DID YOU GET ANY IDEAS FROM BEING AT SCHOOL AT NIGHT?
WELL ...
...I THINK I'M GOING TO GIVE UP ON THIS IDEA IN THE END...
HUH?

I DID DRAW IT!!!
I HAVE AN IDEA !!!
I EVEN MADE UP SEVEN MYSTERIES!!!
BUT !!!

I'M GOING TO BE THE ONE HE PATS ON THE HEAD!!!
SU-ZUKI-KUN!?
I CAN'T STAND SUZUKI-KUN ANY-MORE...
HMPH!
I'LL HAVE TO FIND A BETTER MAN...
THE END
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
SUCKS TO BE YOU, MAMIKO !!!
THAT'S SO CRUEL !!!


I'M SUCH A WIMP!!
THE FOIL STOLE SUZUKI !!!
...AND BECOME EVEN STRONGER...
I'LL OVERCOME MY SADNESS...
ナニ!?
DAN CBAMD

...BUT TODAY, I'M GOING TO SCARE YOU, SENPAI!
WITH MY ACTING ABILITY!!!
COMPLETE COLLECTION OF HORROR
YOU MAY HAVE BEATEN ME YESTERDAY WITH A SURPRISE ATTACK...
I'LL FIGHT RIGHT BACK!
I'M GONNA READ THIS WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!!!
BRING IT, KASHIMA!
GHOST STORIES
STOP!!!

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NOZAKI GOT TO A STOPPING POINT WITH WORK...

EVERY NOW AND THEN ...

...I SHOULD GO SHOW MY FACE AT HOME.

IT IS TECHNICALLY SUMMER VACATION.

...IT'S BEEN SIX DAYS SINCE HE SAID THAT AND LEFT FOR HOME.

SAKURA IS SO DOWN IN THE DUMPS THAT IT'S SCARY.

DOYOOOO (GLOOOOM)

H—

HEY, YOU OKAY ...?

NOZAKI'S A REALLY LUCKY GUY TO HAVE HER THINKING OF HIM THAT MUCH.

NOZAKI-KUN.

NOZAKI-KUN.

NOZAKI-KUN.

BUTSU (MUTTER)

BUTSU

BUTSU

O—

OH...

...SO I CAN FEEL LIKE NOZAKI-KUN IS NEARBY...

YEAH...I FIGURED I CAN AT LEAST READ *LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡* ...

BOOK: LET'S FALL...

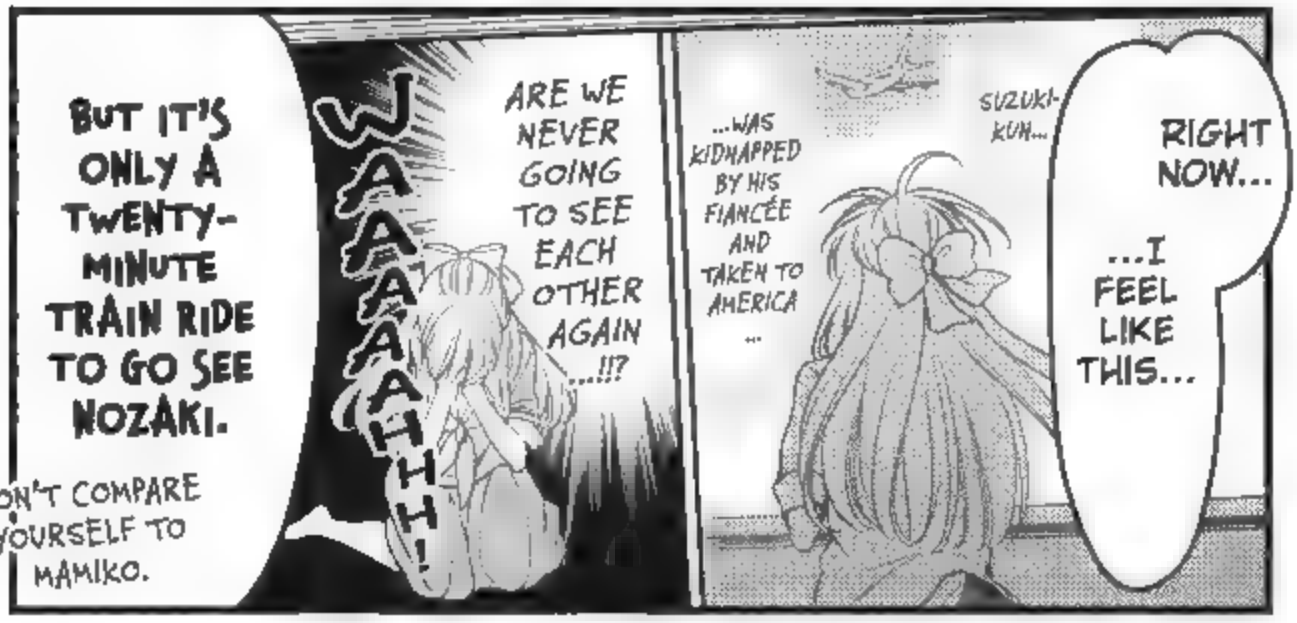
ISN'T SHE JUST READING IT LIKE NORMAL?

MAMIKO ...!!

JIWA (TEARY)

.....!

WHERE MAMIKO AND SUZUKI ARE FORCED APART!!!
RIGHT HERE!
?
BA (WHIP)
DOES LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ EVEN HAVE PLACES THAT WOULD MAKE YOU CRY?


BUT IT'S ONLY A TWENTY-MINUTE TRAIN RIDE TO GO SEE NOZAKI.
DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO MAMIKO.
WAAAAHHH!
ARE WE NEVER GOING TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN...!!?
...WAS KIDNAPPED BY HIS FIANCÉE AND TAKEN TO AMERICA ...
SUZUKI-KUN...
RIGHT NOW... ...I FEEL LIKE THIS...

YOU JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND, MIKO-RIN!!!
UGH! I'M JUST SO LONELY!!!

HEY, YOU'RE SHOWING ME THE WRONG PAGE.
THIS CRO-QUETTE ...
!
SAKU (CRUNCH)
...IS SO CRUNCHY. IT'S DELI-CIOUS!
RIGHT NOW... ...I FEEL LIKE THIS!!

PURURURURU (PRRRR)

IL IL IL IL...

SHE'S HOPE-LESS...

I SCREWED UUUUUUUUP!

HMM? WHAT IS IT, MIKO-SHIBA?

...WELL, I'M PLANNING ON STAYING A LITTLE LONGER...

HUH?

HOME-WORK? TO-GETHER?

...SURE, COME ON OVER TOMOR-ROW.

SA-KURA...

...WE'RE GOING TO NOZAKI'S PLACE.

HE SAID TO BRING OUR HOMEWORK TOMORROW.

!!!

MIKO-RIN ...!!!

I'M SO HAPPY!!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!

IT'S WEIRD...

MY TEARS WERE SO COLD UNTIL JUST NOW...

...BUT NOW THEY'RE SO WARM...

ENOUGH WITH THE MAMIKO !!!

BA (WHAP)

WELL... I WENT THROUGH A BUNCH OF SIMULATIONS IN MY HEAD YESTERDAY.
...NERVOUS?
WHY ARE YOU SO...
DO (THUD)
OUTSIDE NOZAKI'S PLACE
... WE'RE ...
... FINALLY HERE...

HOW IS IT GONNA BLOW UP LIKE THAT?
IT'LL PROBABLY BE LIKE THIS...!!!
SISTER
MOTHER
FATHER
ONII-CHAN IS MINE!!!
YOU LITTLE SKANK!!!
YOU CAN'T HAVE UMETAROU!!

YEAH!!
Y—
YOU'RE RIGHT!!
POSITIVE!!!
INSTEAD OF THINKING THEY'LL HATE YOU, THINK THEY'LL LIKE YOU...
YOU HAVE TO BE MORE POSITIVE.

SERIOUSLY, WHY IS IT BLOWING UP LIKE THAT?
I SAW HER FIRST!!!
SISTER
MOTHER
FATHER
I LOVE YOU...
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR HER!!!
YEAH!!
DEAR, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

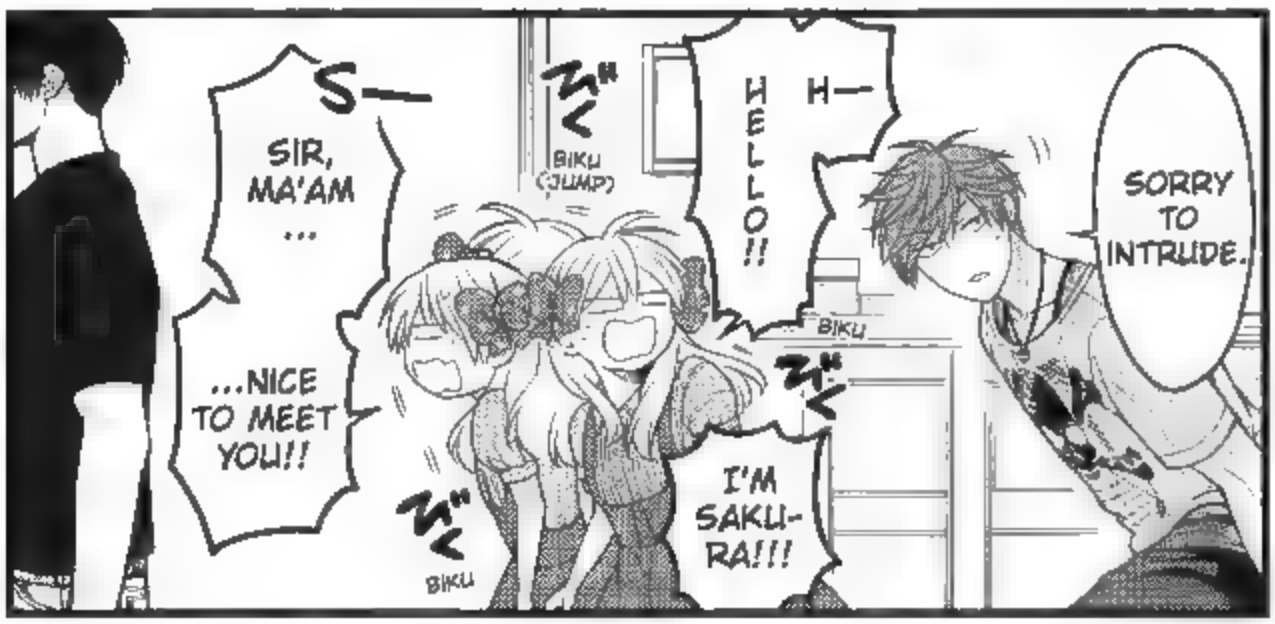
YOU'VE NEVER MET THEM, SO INTRODUCE YOUR-SELF...
...AND SAY "NICE TO MEET YOU."
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY IF ONE OF HIS FAMILY ANSWERS!?
WAIT !!!
PINPOOON (DING-DOOONG)
ENOUGH ALREADY. I'M RINGING IT.

WELL, JUST GREET HIM LIKE USUAL!
WHAT DO I SAY IF NOZAKI-KUN ANSWERS !!?

GACHA (KACHAK)
ガチャ
YEAH?

NICE T—!
H-HEL—
MIKO-RIIIIIN !!!

THAT'S JUST HOW HE IS



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THIS IS NII-SAN'S ROOM.

!!!

I've really missed you, Nozaki-kun!

It's been so long!

BUWA (TEARY)

No-zaki-kun.

Nozaki-kun, Nozaki-kun!!!

BIIII (WAIL)

SHE'S RELIEVED, SO EVERY-THING'S HANGING OUT...

YEAH, I GUESS SO.

...SHE'S REALLY PASSION-ATE.

NOZAKI-KUN!

NOZAKI-KUN!

NOZAKI-KUN!

...WHILE NOZAKI-KUN, YOU WERE GONE...

...YOU KNOW...

UM...

HURRY UP AND TELL HER THAT.

SHE'S NOT ALL THAT BRIGHT.

BUT NII-SAN WENT TO THE CON-VENIENCE STORE TO GET SNACKS ...

RIGHT TO THE HEART OF IT!!?
HUH !?
CHIYO-SAN, DO YOU LIKE NII-SAN?
... HUH ... THEN ...
NOT ONLY ARE YOU EXPRESSION-LESS, BUT YOU'RE SCARY TOO, SO JUST SAY SOME-THING.

REALLY, DON'T TELL HIM!!!
OKAY.
...BUT DON'T TELL HIM!!!
OKAY.
U-UM... I—!
I DO LIKE HIM...

AHHH!
BUT IF YOU JUST KIND OF LET IT SLIP...!
OKAY. YOU WILL.
NO! I HAVE TO ACTUALLY SAY IT MYSELF.
OKAY. I'LL TELL HIM.
OH!
BUT IF YOU JUST KIND OF HINT...!

OKAY, MY BAD.
DON'T MAKE THAT FACE.

I'M GONNA GO.

PEKO (BOW)

OH! I'VE GOT TO HIT THE BATHROOM.

GUN (FWOOSH)

WAIT!

...DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE... PLEASE ...

GUGU (PULL)

GUGU...

SAKU-RA...?

OH... SHE'S BEEN SO NERVOUS ALL THIS TIME THAT NOW SHE'S WOR-RIED...

YEAH, YEAH. WE'LL STAY WITH YOU.

REALLY!? GOOD!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO IF YOU LEAVE ME ALONE.

YOU HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME!!!

SOWA (NERVOUS)

SOWA

SOWA

I COULD MAKE A DIVE FOR THE BED!!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WE HAVE TO BE WORRIED ABOUT...?

I'M BACK!
OH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I WAS OUT GETTING SOME SNACKS, AND THAT HELD ME UP.

NOZAKI-KUN!!!
NOZAKI !!!
GATAN (CLATTER)
ガターン

NOZA-KIII!!!
WAH!
HUH? IT'S ONLY BEEN A COUPLE OF DAYS. ISN'T THIS A BIT MUCH...?

I'M SO RELIEVED!!! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU'D COME BACK ANY LATER !!!
WAAA AAAH!
I CAN'T STOP HER BY MYSELF ANY-MORE!
AND SOME-TIMES, MAYU WAS SLACKING OFF!
IT WAS SOOO HARD!!!
WHAT THE HECK WAS GOING ON HERE AT MY PLACE ...!?

THAT'S RUDE WHEN WE HAVE GUESTS, YOU KNOW.

WHAT'S GOING ON, MAYU!!?

WAIT!

BIKU (FLINCH)

I'LL MAKE SOME TEA...

I-DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT I GUESS THEY WERE GETTING ALONG...?

?

YEAH!

HE WAS PRO-TECTING YOUR BED!!

WAIT!!! MAYU-KUN DIDN'T DO ANY-THING WRONG !!

O—

OH...

HUH...? WHAT?

YOU WERE HOLD-ING IT...?

YOU'RE RIGHT!!!

OH!

NOW YOU CAN FINALLY GO TO THE BATHROOM, MIKOTO-SAN.

ぎゅ

YOU GUYS WERE GETTING ALONG THAT WELL !!?

REALLY!

WELL ...

...WE COULDN'T ALL GO IN, RIGHT?

A SIGN OF BEING CLOSE?

WHAT IS THIS...? IT FEELS LIKE I'M BEING LEFT OUT...

WEREN'T WE GOING TO DO OUR HOMEWORK TOGETHER ...?

TA (TROT) タッタッタッ

NOZAKI-KUN!

NOZAKI-KUN!

HMM?

WHAT IS IT, SAKURA?

SAKURA ...!!!

JIIN (TOUCHED) じーん

I'M REALLY HAPPY!

...BUT IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I SAW YOU.

I MISSED THE CHANCE TO SAY IT EARLIER...

SHE SAID "NO."

...go to the bathroom with me?

Sa-kura ...

...will you...

KIRI (SHINE) キラッ

THAT'S RIGHT!! I HAVE SAKURA ...!!!

SO, WHAT DID YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT?

...THAT MY LOVE WILL GET OUT OF CONTROL ...
GEEZ! G— STOP IT!
YOU REALLY LIKE SUZUKI-KUN, DON'T YOU?
STILL... SOME-TIMES, I'M SCARED ...
SU (I WISH)

THIS IS...
TH—

BOOK: LET'S...

IT'S A TYPO !!!
...I WANT TO MAKE YOUR BALLS MINE...
SUSUKI-KUN...

STOPPED JUST BEFORE IT

THE UPS AND DOWNS WERE JUST TOO MUCH FOR HER, AND SHE RAN OUT OF STEAM IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS.

GUTTARI (EXHAUSTED)

HOW DO WE GET HER BACK UP AGAIN?

WELL...

...SHE'LL PROBABLY SPRING BACK IF YOU START TELLING INTERESTING STORIES ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, I GUESS?

ABOUT NII-SAN...?

UMM...

NII-SAN USED TO PLAY BASEBALL, AND IN THIS ONE GAME...

OH.

IT'S A LONG STORY, SO LET'S NOT DO THAT ONE.

PIKU (TWITCH)

PIKU

PIKU

THIS ONE TIME IN JUNIOR HIGH, ON VALENTINE'S DAY, HE...

OH.

THAT ONE'S LONG TOO...

YOU'RE DOING THAT ON PURPOSE, AREN'T YOU?

YOU GOT REALLY PRAGMATIC ALL OF A SUDDEN.

WELL, IT'S ALL GOOD...

MAYBE IF WE WOO HER WITH THINGS...

POI

THIS IS THE FIRST LITTLE POUCH HE EVER MADE.

HERE'S A SCARF THAT WAS IN HIS CLOSET.

POI

POI

THIS IS A PHOTO ALBUM FROM WHEN NOZAKI WAS LITTLE.

POI (TOSS)

THIS IS A KEY CHAIN THAT NII-SAN USED.

SHIKKARI CLUTCHO

JUST GET UP!

UHHH...

I think I'll feel better if you can find the second button from his junior high uniform...

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NOZAKI-SENPAI CAME TO VISIT THE BASKET-BALL TEAM.

...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I...

...GOT TO SIT NEXT TO YOU LIKE THIS.

BUT WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY COME TO PRACTICE?

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE NICE TO DO A TEAM MANGA EVERY NOW AND THEN.

THIS IS FOR REFERENCE.

...AM I IN THE WAY?

NO... .....

I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU TO COME, AFTER ALL.

I REALLY AM GLAD THAT YOU'RE INTER-ESTED IN BASKET-BALL AGAIN.

PHI (FWEEE)

IT'S JUST ...

... JUST ...

NICE SHOT, WADA-KUN !!!

KYAAAAAA!

FEMALE MANAGER

NOT LIKE THIS !!!

SO...
...WHAT DO YOU THINK NOW THAT YOU'RE THE FEMALE MANAGER?
HUH...
THE HEROINE OF A TEAM MANGA IS THE MANAGER!
I CAN'T HELP IT.
THIS TEAM DOESN'T HAVE A FEMALE MANAGER.

CHIRA
CHIRA
CHIRA (GLANCE)
SU (FWISH)
すっ
WELL...

YOU GO!
NO, YOU!!
I WANNA FOCUS ON THE GAME, BUT I JUST KEEP LOOKING!!
SHOULD I GO SAY SOME-THING...?
HEY, LOOK AT THAT!
CHIRA
IT'S THE MANAGER!

THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO KEEP THEIR DISTANCES FROM YOU.
THE SOCCER TEAM WOULD BE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND COME OVER HERE!
THE BASKET-BALL TEAM IS A BUNCH OF GRASS-EATERS!

WHAT HAS HE BEEN WRITING ALL THIS TIME...?

?

SHAKA (SKRITCH)

SHAKA

SHAKA

STILL, I HAVEN'T WATCHED A GAME LIKE THIS IN A LONG WHILE.

...DATA ON THE PLAYERS !!?

!!

THAT'S...

•Takeda (#7)

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•Mukai (#5)

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HE... REALLY IS STILL INTERESTED IN BASKET-BALL...

SO DETAILED ...!!!

SHAKA

SHAKA

SHAKA

THE INFO'S ABOUT PER-SONAL-ITY AND WEAK-NESSES.

AND THEIR PLAY STYLES ...!!?

I WAS WRONG !!!

Takeda (#7)

- Personality
  Totally direct when he falls in love!
- Weaknesses
  Doesn't really do well with strong-willed girls
- Play style
  Looking to slide from close friends to going out

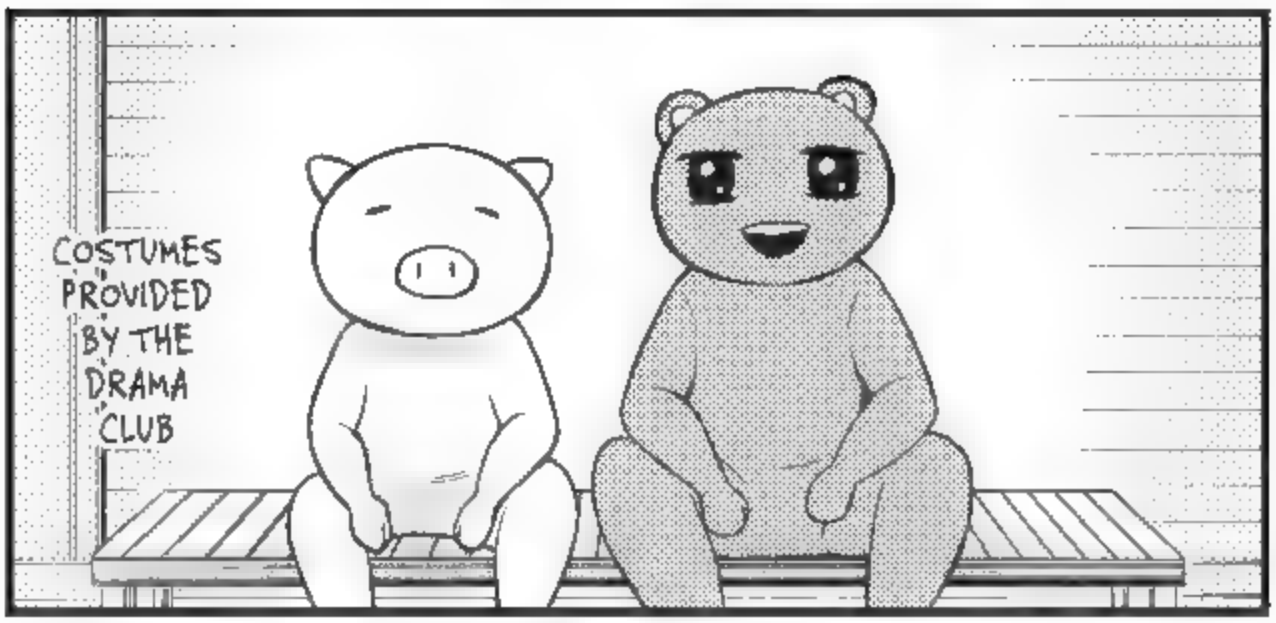
Pale hair

COME SEE MY GAME!

CHEERING THEM ON

OKAY!!
THEY'RE JUST TOO INTIMI-DATING!!
GO TELL THEM TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT!!!
HEY, WAKA-MATSU.
BUT, REALLY, SEO AND A HUGE GUY?
THAT'S NOT COMFORTING AT ALL!!!

JUST THIS ONE TIME.
OH WELL.
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU GUYS WANT FROM YOUR MANAGER?
COM-FORT-ING?
AND THEY'RE FEELING INTIMI-DATED.
UM...LOOKS LIKE THEY WANT SOMETHING MORE COMFORT-ING.


COSTUMES PROVIDED BY THE DRAMA CLUB

NOZO
NOZO (SNUGGLE)
THEY'RE DRINKING WATER...!
LOOK!
THEY'VE GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN'T JUST IGNORE IT!!!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE !!!
HEY!
DON'T LOOK AWAY !!!

YOU TWO MAKE THE WORST PAIR EVER.

THESE REALLY REEK, YOU KNOW!

TAKE A WHIFF.

WE WERE JUST BEING PASSIONATE, BUT THEY TOLD US TO TAKE THEM OFF. WHAT'S WITH THAT?

HER SHIRT IS SEE-THROUGH WITH SWEAT ...!!!

SO HOT...

SEN-PAI...

AGH!

OH!

FOR REAL?

SEO, I CAN SEE YOUR BRA.

GUESS I'LL GO CHANGE.

I SHOULD TELL HER!

BUT HOW DO I SAY IT!?

WOULDN'T SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT BE SEXUAL HARASSMENT...?

?

MANAGER TEST

SHE'S HELPING A LITTLE

OH!
CAN I ASK YOU TO WIPE THE BALLS OFF?
THEY'RE PRETTY DIRTY.
OKAY.
HEH.
WANT ME TO HELP OUT A LITTLE?
HUH ...!?
REALLY ...!?
YOU'RE NOT ALL THAT BAD AFTER ALL.
HERE.
.....
もぐ MOGU (MUNCH)
もぐ MOGU
ぼすっ BOSU (PLOP)
HERE.
KYU きゅっ
HERE.
KYU (SQUEAK) きゅっ
SHE DID JUST SAY "A LITTLE."
SHE DID SAY THAT !!!
HERE'S THE NEXT ONE.

WAKA-MATSU!
INCOM-ING!!
HARA (NERVOUS)
GOT IT.
OKAY, THEN. NOW YOU CAN CHEER ON THE PLAYERS AND GIVE FIRST AID WHEN THEY GET HURT.
HARA
... ARE THEY REALLY GONNA BE OKAY ...?

HUH?
GO (THWACK)
WAKA-MATSU-UUU!!?

GATA (CLATTER)
BA (WHAP)
BATAAAN (THUD)
HEY! YOU TWO OVER THERE !!!
GOT IT!!

NOT THE CHEERING !!!
GET A STRETCHER!!!
NICE SHOT !!!

OWW...
HUH ...?
I... ...GOT HIT WITH THE BALL, RIGHT...?

ALL YOU NEEDED WAS A COMPRESS.
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GABA (JUMP)
SEO-SEN-PAI!?
HMM? I FIXED YOU UP, SO YOU CAN AT LEAST SAY "THANKS."
WHAA —!?

SENPAI'S... ACTUALLY PRETTY NICE...
TH— THANK YOU.
UM... IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU...

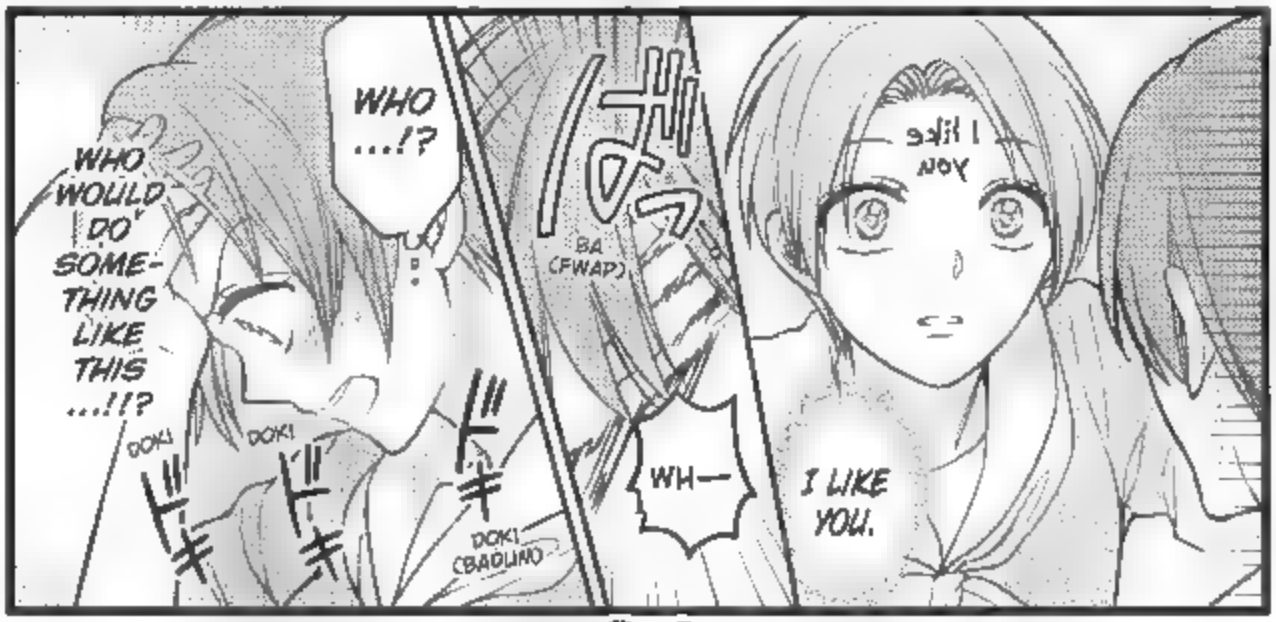
Then go get hurt so I can wrap you in bandages!
I REALLY WANNA WRAP SOMEONE UP WITH THESE!!!
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO GET DRENCHED IN BLOOD!!?
BI (PWIP)

GUTTARI (EXHAUSTED)
SORRY ABOUT THAT, WAKA-MATSU.
SEO-SENPAI ENDED UP STORMING THE COURT IN THE END...
I'M EVEN MORE TIRED THAN USUAL...

I GUESS SHE REALLY DOES HAVE A NICE SIDE TO HER.
STILL, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE ACTUALLY FIXED ME UP LIKE THAT.
...SEO IS SEO.
WAKA-MATSU ...

PERI (PEEL)
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT?
...SEO IS SEO.

OH.



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THIS IS MY CHANCE TO SECRETLY GET BACK AT HER FOR THE OTHER DAY!!!

KYURON (POP)

ZZZ

REALLY !?

OH! SEO'S ASLEEP, WAKA-MATSU !!

UHH...NOTHING REALLY COMES TO MIND...A MARKER... SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH A MARKER...

...

OKAY, WHAT SHOULD I WRITE ...?

KYU (SQUEAK)

Taichi Niiyama

DOKIN (BADUM)

THEN, ME TOO...!?

HUH ...!?

I...

...WRITE MY NAME ON THINGS THAT ARE MINE!

AH! WHAT !?

NO !!! I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT !!!

I ONLY EVER USE MAGIC MARKERS TO WRITE MY NAME!!!

WHAT'S WRONG, WAKA-MATSU !!?

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT MARKERS!?

WAKA DID THIS!

I KNOW!

WHO ELSE WOULD IT BE?

PIN (DING)

IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT THERE.

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SPECIAL
Cover Illustration: Yukari Miyako
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GIRLS' ROMANCE
WHAT I LIKE
THEME
Twelve promising new authors drew it!!
Yukari Miyako
Spin-off story!
"A Day in the Life of Tanuki-san"
He went to an idol's concert.
The hottest guy right now
Special collection!
MITSUYA MAENO
POPULAR AND CUTE
EXTRA
TANUKI-SAN NOTEBOOK
LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡
SPECIAL EDITION
Super-Popular Story
SAKIKO YUMENO
Suzuki-kun's unknown past...! The story of Suzuki-kun three months after his birth...♡

I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN HIM WITH HIS CLASS-MATES IN A LONG TIME...

OH!

IT'S NOZAKI-KUN.

CAN WE COME OVER TOMORROW AFTER SCHOOL?

OH YEAH. YOU LIVE ALONE, DON'T YOU, NOZAKI?

MUST BE NICE TO BE SO CLOSE...

I BET HE'S TALKING ABOUT THINGS THAT I DON'T REALLY KNOW ABOUT.

EFFECTS

BACK-GROUNDS

TONE

MUST BE MIKORIN, HORI-SENPAI, OR WAKA-MATSU-KUN.

SOME-ONE CLOSER TO YOU THAN US?

AWWW! WHO IS IT?

SO NO.

I HAVE SOMEONE COMING TOMOR-ROW.

Must be Ken-san...

WHA —!?

HUH?

SOMEONE WHO CAN SOOTHE MY WOUNDED HEART.

...I GUESS.

IT'S OKAY!
I DON'T HAVE CLUB TODAY!
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
MAKING YOU HELP.
SO ...
...I GUESS WE'RE CLEANING UP TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMOR-ROW.

THE REJECTED DRAFTS AND MEMOS WITH IDEAS PILE UP PRETTY QUICKLY.
THIS ONE TOO.
GAGAGAGAGAGA CHHHRRRRRR
STILL, YOUR TRASH ...
...IS PRETTY MUCH ALL PAPER, ISN'T IT?
IN CHARGE OF THE SHREDDER

SO YOU MAKE MEMOS FOR YOURSELF SO YOU DON'T FORGET!?
Mamiko ⟹ Suzuki
Misunderstanding
"I just can't trust Suzuki-kun anymore...!"
Mamiko → Gets angry
Suzuki → Does something cool
BADUM!
I SEE...

MUST BE CURRY.
Climax
• Nighttime → They run to each other.
• Final scene at the fountain
PIRA (FLIP)
• Carrots
• Tomatoes
• Turmevic
• Onions
• Bay Leaves
Beef
• Potatoes

THE BIGGEST BARRIER

THAT'S ...
...A REJECTED DRAFT I DREW FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE ONCE.
OH.
A ONE-SHOT?
HUH? I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN THIS STORY BEFORE.
ALL RIGHT!
PUBLISHED!
THE EDITORS DECIDE.
DRAFT COMPETITION
LOTS OF DRAFTS
WHEN YOU'RE JUST STARTING OUT, YOU HAVE TO FIGHT REALLY HARD TO GET INTO ONE...
YEAH, YEAH.
THOSE ARE THE MAGAZINES WITH ALL SORTS OF SHORT STORIES IN THEM, RIGHT?
A SPECIAL ISSUE?
REALLY THICK!

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HE MUST HAVE HAD SOME SORT OF DISAP-POINT-MENT...
YEAH ...
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO REMEMBER THOSE DAYS...
LIKE A PRO...!
OH...! SO YOU ONLY GOT TO BE WHERE YOU ARE AFTER WORKING YOUR WAY UP...!

IT WAS SO TOUGH ...!!!
WHOOPS!
AND SOOO...YOU LISTENING? HUH? I'VE BEEN TALKING FOR THREE HOURS? NO WAAAY!
I FORGOT TO TURN IN YOUR DRAFT! ☆
GERA (CACKLE)
GERA
GERA
...BE MODELED AFTER ME?
COULD THIS HERO...
...I HAD FOR DINNER LAST NIGHT? PASTA? OH, SO CLOSE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK...

THE THEME IS ○○

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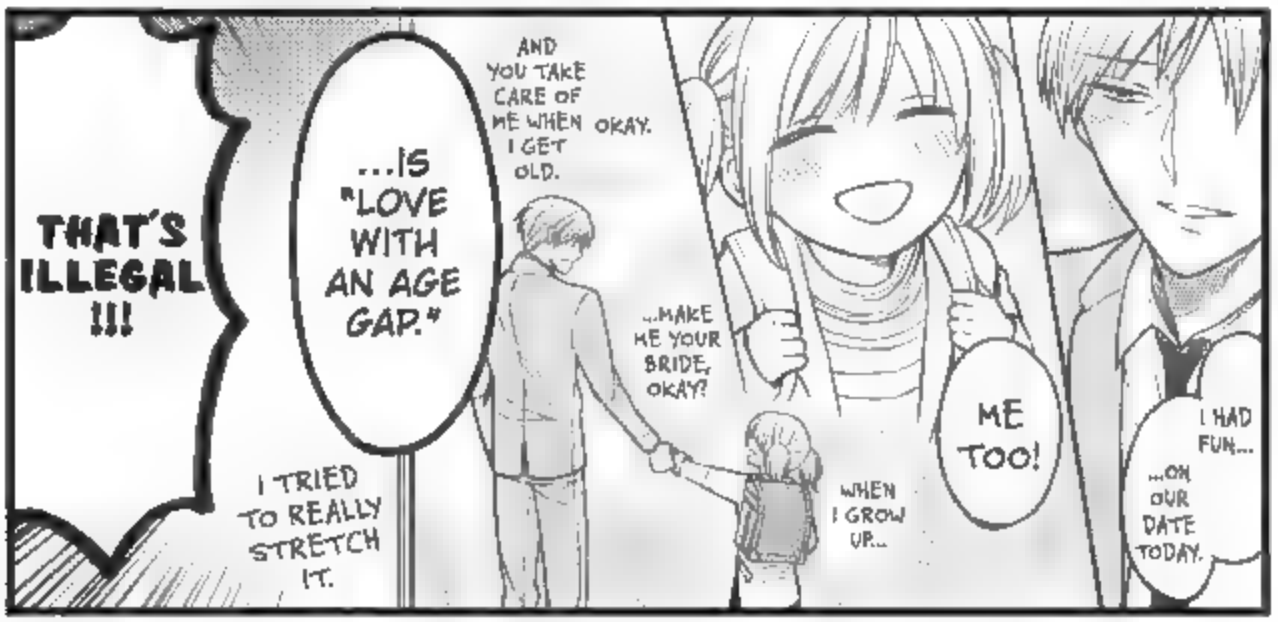

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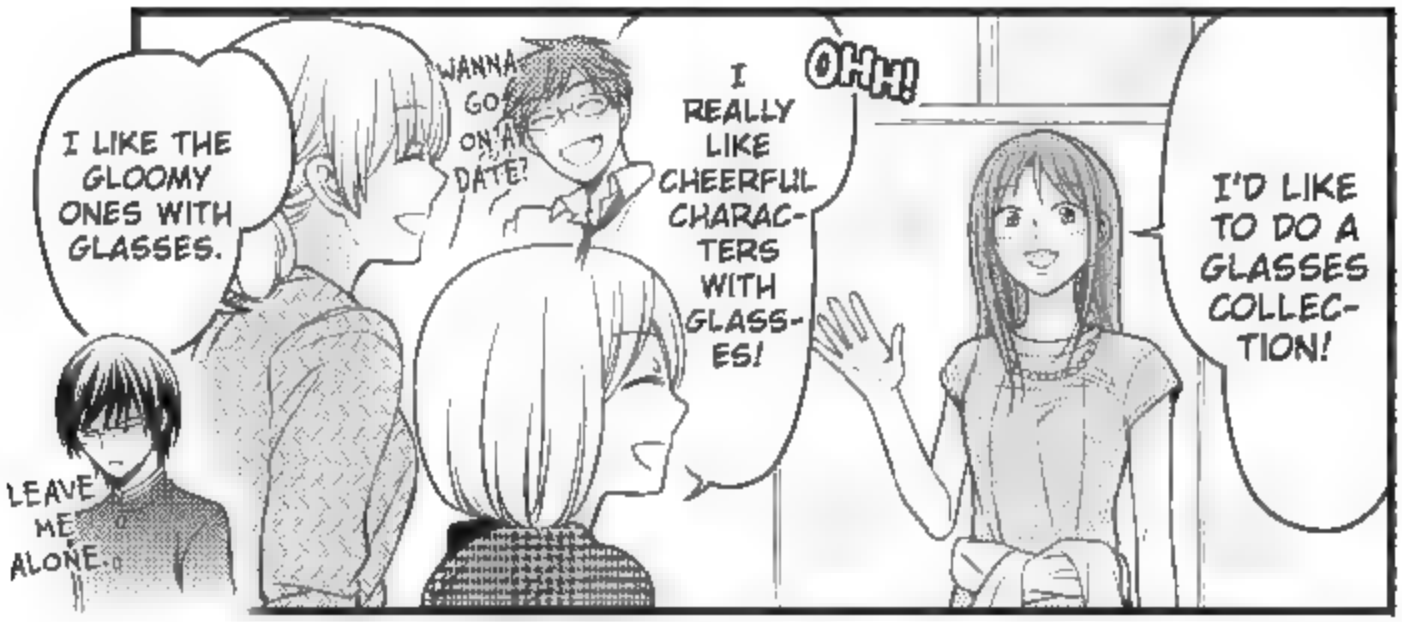
I KNOW !!!
BA (WHAP)
ばっ!!
Deciding on the collection theme
WHAT SORT...
...OF THEME SHOULD WE GO WITH NEXT TIME?
OKAY, THEN!
LET'S START THE MEET-ING.

...AND MAKE IT A "PLAIN BOY" COLLEC-TION!?
SO HOW ABOUT WE GO ALL-OUT WITH THE NEXT THEME ...
I'VE ALWAYS HAD A PROBLEM WITH HOW THE HEROES IN SHOUJO MANGA ARE ALL SO POPULAR.

SO IT'S GOT TO HAVE THAT, RIGHT!?
YEAH!
OH!
THAT'S GOOD! PLAIN GUYS!
LIKE THIS?
HUH ...!?
PLAIN ...!?

ARE THOSE GUYS REALLY ALL THAT PLAIN ...!?
DID I SURPRISE YOU?
...BUT HE'S ACTUALLY THE PRESIDENT OF A HUGE, WORLD-FAMOUS COMPANY AND SUPER-RICH!
YEAH!!
OR HE'S PLAIN ...
IT'S EMBARRASSING, SO I'M ONLY SHOWING THIS TO YOU...
HE'S PLAIN, BUT HE'S A PRETTY BOY WHEN HE PULLS HIS HAIR BACK!


I LIKE THE GLOOMY ONES WITH GLASSES.
WANNA GO ON A DATE?
I REALLY LIKE CHEERFUL CHARACTERS WITH GLASSES!
OHH!
I'D LIKE TO DO A GLASSES COLLECTION!
LEAVE ME ALONE.

THERE'S NO FREEDOM IN THAT!!!
増刊 少女 ロマンス SPECIAL GIRLS' ROMANCE
I want to be melted with his HOT gaze...
(COOL) GLASSES COLLECTION ♡
...SO JUST THAT?
NO, I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN COOL GUYS WITH GLASSES...

FINE...
UGH...
MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIVE!
YEAH!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A BIT TOO NARROW?

I DON'T SEE A DIFFERENCE!!!
DON'T GET IN MY WAY.
DON'T JUST TALK TO ME.
CAT EYE
SQUARE
WELLINGTON
BAAAN (TA-DAA)
ばーーーん!!
THIS IS ABSURD
THEN WE'LL LEAVE THE STYLE OF GLASSES UP TO THEM!!
BOSTON! OR EVEN OVAL!

SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS, MIYAMAE-KUN?
OUT WITH IT!
I...
WELL...
... COOKING MANGA HAS BEEN POPULAR LATELY.
SO MAYBE SOMETHING THAT MIXES FOOD AND LOVE...

SO...
...LIKE THIS !?
FOOD COLLECTION
EAT...
ME...
YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER WEIRD.

OR SOMETHING ABOUT CHALLENGING THINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME WOULD BE GOOD TOO.
LIKE SOMEONE STARTING A SPORT OR A BEGINNER IMPROVING AT SOMETHING...
I SEE.
THEN, IF WE SUM THAT ALL UP SIMPLY...

...IT'S LIKE THIS!
Theme:
The First Time ...
I've... never done this before...
WHY DO YOU KEEP MAKING IT DIRTY?

HASN'T THIS JUST TURNED INTO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY LIKE...!?
...YOU REALLY LIKE OTOME GAMES, DON'T YOU?
KANA-YAMA-SAN ...
Reverse Harem! Let's make stories about girls surrounded by boys...♡
WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT GIRLS LIKE, IT'S GOT TO BE THIS!
SAN (THUD)

THE COVER WILL BE GOR-GEOUS.
SPECIAL GIRLS' ROMANCE
5
HAREM collection!
ハーレム特集!
IT'S SO GREAT! HOT GUYS EVERY-WHERE...! ♡

WE'VE BEEN WAITING!
HOT GUYS.
SHE'LL PICK ME.
AND NO MATTER WHAT PAGE YOU TURN TO...
COME ON. COME OVER HERE.
HOT GUYS.
COME ... ...WITH ME!
HOT GUYS.

I LOVE YOU!
ME TOO!
I LOVE YOU!
HOT GUYS ...! ♡
THAT'S AN INSANE POPULA-TION DEN-SITY!!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...!?

GEEZ! GUESS I'LL HAVE TO SETTLE THIS.

HUH?

HOW DO WE REIN THIS IN...?

GATA (CLATTER)

KYAI (CLAMOR) きゃい

GLASSES!!!

HAREM!!!

SOMETHING WHERE SHE MARRIES RICH AND LIVES AN EASY LIFE!!!

KYAI きゃい

PON (PAT) ぽんっ

NIKO (SMILE) にこ

GOTTA ACT LIKE A SENPAI EVERY NOW AND THEN.

...AND, SO...

...I HATE TO ADMIT IT...

...BUT I GUESS HE IS THE BEST PERSON TO DEAL WITH A SITUATION LIKE THIS...

LET'S GO WITH A "NEW EXPERIENCES" COLLECTION THIS TIME!

...MIYAMAE-KUN IS THROWING A HISSY FIT.

DAMN IT, MAENO !!!

GATAAN (CRAAASH)

...AND...
...THAT MEANS ...?
IF WE CAN'T DECIDE, THEN WHY DON'T WE JUST MATCH EVERYTHING TO THE LEAD WORK?
GYAA (CLAMOR)
GYAA
HAREM!!!
GLASSES!
MIYA-MAE-KUN'S IDEA!!!
IT'S NOT MINE.

THAT'S GOOD!
OHH!
SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
IF IT'S A TENNIS MANGA, THEN A SPORTS COLLEC-TION.
... THEN A CELEB-RITY COLLEC-TION.
FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE LEAD STORY IS AN IDOL MANGA ...

.....
UM...
UH...
THEN... THE THEME IS...
UM...
YEAH.
IT'S AN EXTRA FOR LET'S FALL IN LOVE ♡.
THE NEXT LEAD IS YUMENO-SENSEI, RIGHT?

...DOESN'T REALLY HAVE ANY DEFINING CHARACTER-ISTICS...
...THAT MANGA...

OKAY!
...THEN, I'LL TAKE YOUR MANU-SCRIPT.

OH!
OKAY!
SO YOU'VE DECIDED ON THE NEXT THEME?
IT'S ON THIS SHEET ...
LET'S SEE...
Request
Re: The one-shot for the special issue...
ALSO ...
...WELL... IT'S ABOUT THE NEXT SPECIAL ISSUE...

THIS THEME IS KIND OF NORMAL, SO IT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY BORING THIS TIME, ISN'T IT!?
YOU COULD HAVE SWITCHED IT UP A LITTLE MORE!
HUH!?
"THE EASY WAY"!?

KEN-SAN?
?
.....

...OR REFRESHING CLASS-MATES...

A HOT SPRINGS COLLEC-TION WOULD WORK TOO.

I WOULD HAVE LIKED A SWIMSUIT COLLEC-TION!

...LIKE SCHOOL STORIES OR SOME-THING...

AHH... THERE HAS TO HAVE BEEN SOME-THING ELSE...

...OR SWITCH UP THE VIEWPOINT AND GO WITH "WHAT GIRLS REALLY THINK!♡" ...

OR FALLING DOWN!

I LIKE YOU! GO OUT WITH ME!

!

THAT'S ...!! ACK!

OOOOH!!

A GIRL'S ASKING MIKORIN OUT...!!

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DOK! ドッ

DOK! (BADUM) ドッ

HER UNIFORM'S DIFFERENT, SO SHE'S FROM A DIFFERENT SCHOOL ...?

MAYBE IT'S ONE OF THOSE "I'VE ALWAYS SEEN YOU ON THE TRAIN!♡" THINGS ...!

SHE'S THE SERIOUS TYPE, UNLIKE THE USUAL ONES!

UM!

I SAID "GO OUT"...

...BUT WE CAN START WITH JUST A TRIAL PERIOD! I WON'T GET IN YOUR WAY!

I'LL EVEN CARRY YOUR STUFF FOR YOU EVERY DAY!!

WOW!! SHE'S SO DESPER-ATE!!

HOW ABOUT WE START WITH ME CARRYING YOUR BAG!?

NO!! MY BAG IS HEAVY!! AND I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT IF I'M NOT CARRY-ING IT!!

I'M NOT GIVING IT TO ANYONE!!!

AND HE'S PRETTY DESPER-ATE TOO!!

TH—

THIS BAG IS MINE!!!

SLIP OF THE TONGUE

BESIDES, I'M ALREADY GOING OUT WITH SOME-ONE!!

THEN BRING HER TO SEE ME!!

I'LL GIVE UP IF YOU DO THAT!!!

...AND THEN, IT TURNED TO THAT...

HOW DID I END UP LIKE THIS...?

OH!

YOUR GIRL-FRIEND, HUH ...?

HOW ABOUT YOU BRING A FIGURE WITH YOU?

JUST KIDDING!

This is...

...my girl-friend.

WHA —!?

KA (FLUSH)

S—

SORRY ...!!

BIKU (FLINCH)

DO YOU HAVE ANY CLUE WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I DO THAT!?

SCREW THAT !!!

THAT'S RIGHT...!! MIKORIN IS A SECRET OTAKU ...!!

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...!

IF SHE GETS DIRTY OUTSIDE, THE TOP OF HER NOSE WILL GET ALL BLACK !!!

THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND NORMALS !!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE TALKING ABOUT ...!!?

LIKE, I COULD POSSIBLY BRING HER OUT!!

WELL, YOU'LL HAVE...
...TO HAVE SOMEONE PRETEND TO BE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND ...
AGH!
WHAT SHOULD I DO!? EVEN IF IT'S ALL A LIE, I'M TOTALLY COMMITTED TO NOZAKI-KUN...!!
WOULD THIS LEAD TO HIM ASKING ME...!?
HUH!?

YOU'RE RIGHT. I SHOULD HAVE SOMEONE PRETEND ...
AGH!
WELL, I APPRECI-ATE THE GESTURE, BUT TO BE HONEST, I ONLY REALLY SEE HER AS A LITTLE SISTER...!!
...GONNA TURN INTO SOME-THING WHERE SHE SAYS...
...?
IS THIS ...
..."I'LL HELP YOU OUT!"

.....

NOT SAYING ANY-THING !!?

WELL, GUESS I'LL ASK KASHI-MA.
OH!
THAT GIRL WON'T HAVE ANY PROB-LEMS IF YOU BRING KASHIMA-KUN.
YEAH!
SHE'S GOOD-LOOKING AND SMART. JUST PERFECT!

HUH?
PRETEND TO BE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
OKAY!
WANNA PRAC-TICE?

Hate U

HOW IS IT?
I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOT MYSELF A BOY-FRIEND.

WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE FOR ME TO DRESS UP AS A GIRL?
HEIGHT-WISE.
YOU ARE?
HUH?
PRE-TENDING TO BE MIKO-SHIBA'S GIRL-FRIEND?

HEH...
I DON'T REALLY MIND, YOU KNOW.
I'D WANT AT LEAST A C CUP!
YEAH.
IF YOU PAD YOUR CHEST A LITTLE BIT, IT'LL LOOK BELIEV-ABLE...

HEY ...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU NEED TO FIGHT ABOUT IT...
WE'LL SEE WHICH ONE OF US IS MORE GIRLIE!
OKAY, THEN! ME VERSUS YOU DRESSED AS A GIRL...

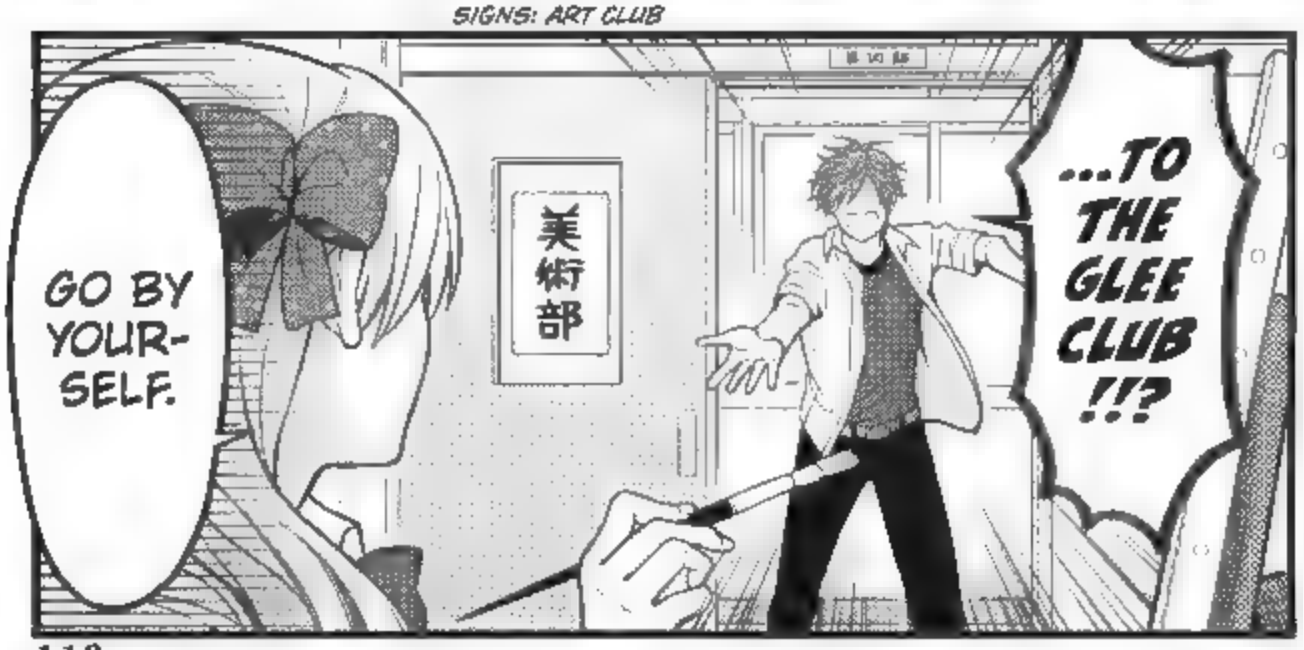
YOU'RE USING IT TOO!?
MIKO-SHIBA !!
PAD-DING !!!

OH!
ACTUALLY, SHE'S GONNA BE PLAYING THE ROLE OF MIKOSHIBA'S GIRLFRIEND...
YOU HERE TO GET KASHIMA?
GYAAA (SHRIEK)
GYAAA
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
BIKU (FLINCH)
HUH?
PLAYING HIS GIRLFRIEND?
(RA (ANNOYED)

COULD IT BE THAT SENPAI LIKES HER ...!!?
WHAT WAS WITH THAT JUST NOW ...!?
HUH!?
DOKI (BADUM)
DOKI
ZUN (THUD)
ZUN
ZUN
KASHIMA!

NO, THAT'S NOT IT!!!
DO IT SERIOUSLY!!!
DON'T SCREW WITH ME! DON'T YOU THINK FOR AN INSTANT THAT YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH SHODDY ACTING LIKE THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE DRAMA CLUB!!

SIGNS: ART CLUB



HE GOT HER TO COME WITH HIM.

HUH? PRETEND TO BE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?

ISN'T DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT KINDA JUVENILE?

JUST TURN HER DOWN!

AWWW, BUT IT SOUNDS FUN!!

IT'S THE PERFECT OPPOR-TUNITY, SO LET'S DO THAT, YUZUKI!

THE CONCERT SPECS!

CON-CERT SPECS ?

OH, WELL ...

...YUZUKI BEHAVES HERSELF DURING CON-CERTS.

OHH?

SHE ACTUALLY KINDA HAS IT TOGETHER, DOESN'T SHE?

HER SENPAI WORKED REALLY HARD TO GET THERE!

PLEASE JUST SETTLE DOWN!!!

JUST DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL!!!

DON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE!!!

AND PUT ON SOME SOCKS!!!

IS SHE REALLY IN HIGH SCHOOL?

ALL DONE!
OHHHH!!!

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SEE IT, IT'S STILL AMAZING!
SO CUTE!♡
THIS REALLY IS A BIG TRANS-FORMATION.
SHE LOOKS PRETTY FANCY, DOESN'T SHE?

DRESSED LIKE THIS, "GLEE CLUB'S LORELAI" FITS HER PERFECTLY, DOESN'T IT?
OH!
THAT'S ONLY HERE AT THIS SCHOOL.
THE OTHER SCHOOLS ...

...call her "Roman School's Little Mermaid."
BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T TALK.
HER NICKNAMES ARE ALWAYS SO FAIRY TALE-LIKE.

O-OKAY, THEN ...
I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU, SEO.
KOKU (NOD)
IT'S LIKE I'M TALKING TO A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON...

UH... THIS IS MY GIRL-FRIEND.
...SO...
Y—
YOU REALLY HAVE ONE?
I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WERE LYING...

I'M SO SORRY FOR PUSHING YOU LIKE THAT ...!!
AND SAYING I WOULD CARRY YOUR BAG...!
SOR-RY.
...CARRYING MY BAG IS HER.
THE ONLY ONE I CAN EVEN IMAGINE ...
SU (REACH)

OH, RIGHT... SHE'S SEO.
GA (THWACK)
POI (TOSS)

THERE'S A GIRL LIKE THAT AT OUR SCHOOL?

HUH? OUR UNIFORM?

BUT, REALLY ...

...ALL I DID WAS CHANGE MY LOOK A BIT, AND NO ONE HAS A CLUE WHO I AM.

UGH!

WAKA !!!

!

TON (THUD)

HMM?

OH. SOR—

NAH ...

NO WAY HE'S GONNA REALIZE IT'S ME.

HE'S WAY TOO DITZY.

JI (STARE)

WHA —?

HUH?

.....

HE ACTUALLY NOTICED THAT!?

THAT'S WEIRD!!!

SEO-SENPAI'S WEARING SOCKS !!!

OH.
YOU CHANGED YOUR HAIR-STYLE TOO?
...
THAT MAKES YOU LOOK A LOT MORE GROWN-UP.
SO HE LIKES THIS KIND OF THING TOO?
SO SHALLOW.

OH!
THAT ONE PLACE ...
...HAS A NEW ITEM ON THE MENU.
AND... UHH...
...SO...
...WE LOOKED FOR OUR MISSING BALL.
SHIZU (SILENT)
SHIZU
WELL, GUESS I CAN GIVE HIM A FREEBIE EVERY NOW AND THEN.

...BUT I CAN MOVE TO ANOTHER TRAIN CAR IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK.
I DON'T REALLY LIKE BEING IGNORED.
... UM ...
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE IN A BAD MOOD OR SOME-THING...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING !!?
STOP IT!!!
GURI
GURI
GURI (GRIND)
GA (GRAB)
WHOA!
HEY!

THE SAME CULPRIT

...SO, YOU KNOW ...

...SEO-SENPAI WAS REALLY HORRIBLE YESTER-DAY!

FIRST, SHE IGNORED ME, AND THEN SHE PULLED MY HAIR.

SHE CAN ACTUALLY GET WORSE?

WOW.

ALSO ...

...I HEARD THAT MIKOSHIBA-SENPAI WAS WITH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN AT THE STATION YESTERDAY.

WAY TO GO!

GATA (CLATTER)

REALLY!?

LET'S GO ASK HIM ABOUT IT!!!

...NAH. I JUST ASKED HER TO GO THERE WITH ME. THAT'S ALL.

...AND, THEN...

...AFTER THAT...

...SHE THREW MY BAG!

I THOUGHT THEN THAT THERE REALLY ARE A LOT OF HORRIBLE WOMEN AROUND ME.

(WAKA-MATSU)

LOST SIGHT OF THE OBJECTIVE

URK!

HORI-SENPAI!!!

SHORT

WANTS TO BE THE HEROINE

GOOD ACTOR

BUT, REALLY, ONCE YOU'RE CROSS-DRESSING...

...IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ACTING ABILITY, YOU CAN'T PLAY A GIRLFRIEND...

AHH...!

BUT I WANT TO BE HIS PRINCE!!!

THAT'S IT...!! SENPAI WOULD BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF PERFECTLY...!!!

PUT ME IN IT!!!

I'LL PLAY THE BOYFRIEND!!!

I KNOW!!! IF SENPAI AND I PRETEND TO BE GOING OUT...!!!

What's Happened Before

Mayu Nozaki loves judo. Usually, he doesn't have any motivation, but he gets serious when it comes to things he likes.

Mayu-kun has one little problem...Somehow, the members of the judo team are bad at grappling! That is a serious state of affairs! So to catch everyone's interest, how about he teaches them, with illustrations?

Meanwhile, his friend Kobayashi-kun started a blog using his illustrations. It's apparently pretty popular, but Mayu-kun doesn't really seem to care.

Huh? Who is Kobayashi-kun again? He's a side character, so you don't really need to remember him!

It's all good!

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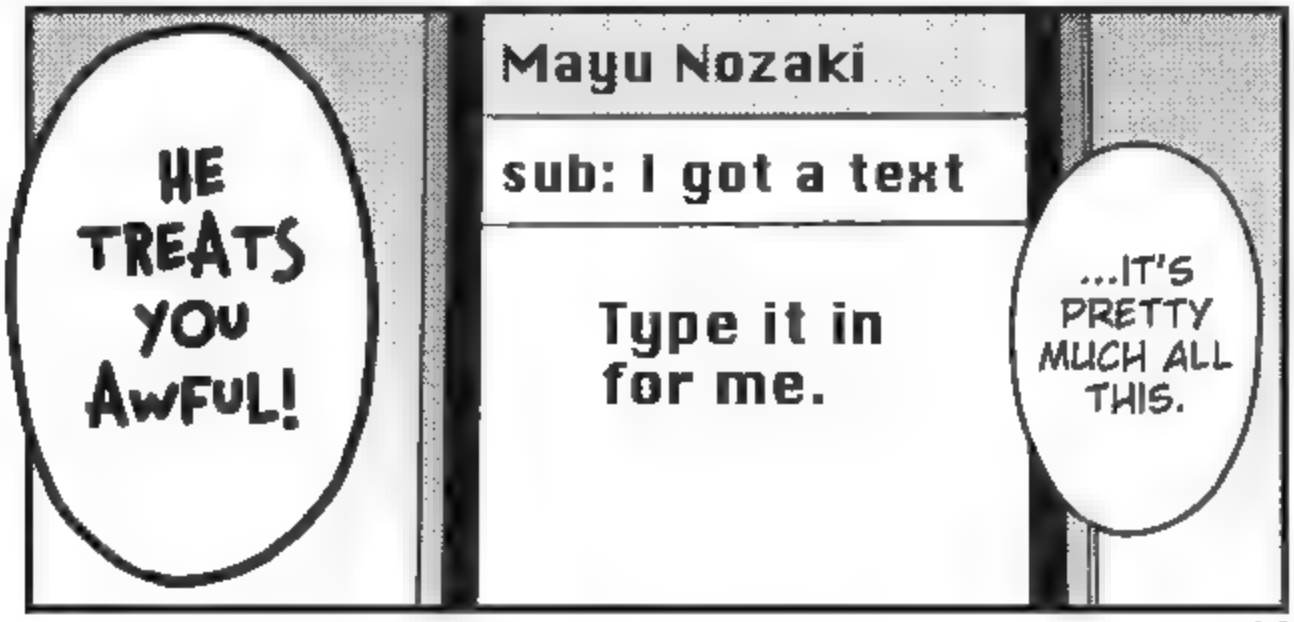
MAYU NOZAKI (15)
HE SERIOUSLY CAN'T BE BOTHERED ABOUT ANYTHING ...
...AND GIVING HIM A CELL PHONE DOESN'T CHANGE THAT PART OF HIM ONE BIT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NOZAKI-KUN?
UGH!
PIRORODO
Mayu Nozaki
PIRORODO (JINGLE)
HUH?
IT'S FROM NOZAKI?
I NEVER GET ANY TEXTS BACK FROM NOZAKI!!

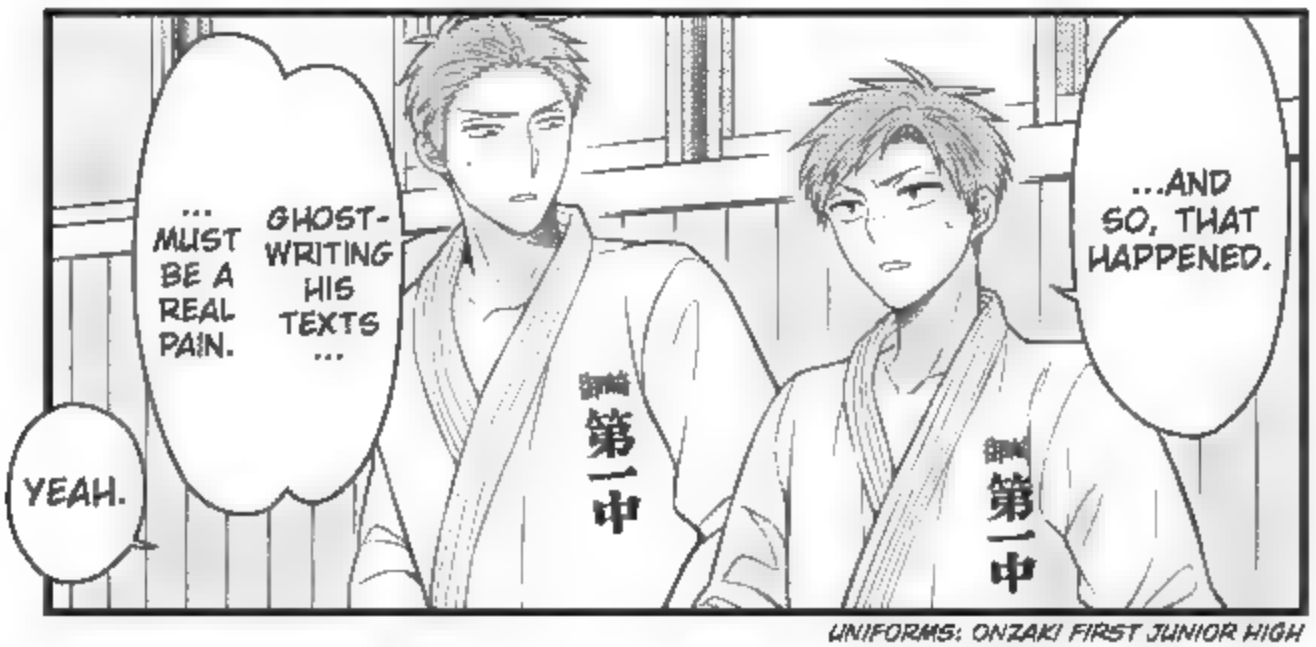
WHAT SORT OF STUFF DOES HE SAY?
WHAT SORT? WELL...
HE TOTALLY TREATS YOU DIFFERENT!
YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY ONE NOZAKI ACTUALLY TEXTS.


HE TREATS YOU AWFUL!
Mayu Nozaki
sub: I got a text
Type it in for me.
...IT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL THIS.

NAH!
NO WAY WOULD HE MAKE ME DO THAT!
ISN'T THAT AWKWARD?
DO YOU EVEN TYPE OUT TEXTS TO HIS FAMILY FOR HIM?
HIS BROTH-ER'S AMAZ-ING!!!
To Mayu
You want three pieces of fried spuds? Got it.
IT'S ALL RIGHT!
To Nii-san
3S
HIS BROTHER CAN GET IT WITH JUST A COUPLE LETTERS!
YEAH, YEAH.
AND THEN THERE'S HIS DAD...
THAT'S FAMILY FOR YOU.
GUESS IT'S THAT SHARED BLOOD ...?
I GET IT.
DAD ...!!!
To Mayu
You want three little sisters!? Dad would really like five little brothers!!
To Dad
3S
HE DOESN'T GET IT AT ALL, BUT HE HAS NO CLUE WHATSO-EVER.
I-T'S-TO-TALL-Y-FINE!!

KOBA-
YASHI.
TEXT.
PLEASE?
FOR
REAL?
YOU'RE
GETTING
A LOT
TODAY.

WELL
...
...IT
JUST
HAP-
PENED
...
IT'S
EASIER...
YOU GOTTA
BRING IT HOME WITH YOU!!
WHY AM
I LIVING
MY LIFE
WITH
YOUR
PHONE
!!?
HEY!



UNIFORMS: ONZAKI FIRST JUNIOR HIGH

TO BE HONEST, I'M KINDA WORRIED ABOUT HIS FUTURE.

HE'S IN JUNIOR HIGH, BUT HIS TEXTING IS WORSE THAN AN OLD MAN'S.

IF HE WAS TALKING TO A GIRL WHO'S HIS TYPE...

... WOULDN'T EVEN HE AT LEAST TEXT HER?

HIS TYPE, HUH ...?

MAYU NOZAKI'S TYPE #1

GIRL

GIRL (STRAIN)

GIRL

GIRL

SOME-ONE WHO'S BETTER THAN HIM AT JUDO

MAYU NOZAKI'S TYPE #2

AN OLDER WOMAN WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM

VISUALLY, I'D SAY HER...

PTA

PTA

PTA

VISUALLY, SHE'S THE PERFECT FIT...

YEAH.

WANNA GO GET HER NUMBER?

THE SECRET INTENTIONS OF HIGH SCHOOLERS AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

HIS FIRST TEXT

HUH ...?

IF YOU TWO GET CLOSE, THEN INTRODUCE US TO HER FRIENDS.

SHE'S A FAN.

AND SO... ...WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU TEXT BACK AND FORTH WITH MAMIKO-SAN.

C'MON. JUST RESPOND!

REALLY, MAA-KUN!

COME ON!

YOU LIKE OLDER WOMEN, DON'T YOU!!?

PIRORIRORIIN (JINGLE)

AND WHAT DOES IT SAY?

THAT SO?

JUST A MINUTE.

O-OH!

UHH...

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER GOTTEN A REPLY, NOZAKI-!!!!!!!

IT'S A TEXT!!!

PI (BEEP)

WHAT'S WRONG, MAYU-MAYU!!?

To Mamiko-san

Help me.

YOU HAVEN'T CONVERTED TO KANJI YET!!!
SHE'S GONNA THINK YOU'RE AN AIRHEAD!!
WAIT! DON'T SEND IT YET !!!
PIRORORORIN
OKAY, FINE. I'LL COME UP WITH THE WORDS, AND YOU JUST PUT THEM IN.

SHE'S ADORABLE ...!!!
Sorry about that. I'm not really used to texting yet, and I messed up. Thank you for your thoughts.
SHIT!

YOU DUMB-ASS !!!
AAAAHH!
YOU'RE THE WORST!!!
DON'T JUST SEND YOUR NAME!!!
WHOA!
PIROROORON (JINGLE)
IF YOU DON'T AT LEAST MENTION WHO YOU ARE, SHE'S GONNA THINK IT'S SPAM!!

SHE'S SO ADORABLE !!!
I'm Mayu-Mayu.

WHAT IS YOUR SCREEN NAME?
AH! AH! WHAT SHOULD I DO...!?
I BET SHE'S TOTALLY LIKE THIS!!
HUH?
IT'S "MAMIKO" ...
?
... MIKO-SHIBA.
SUPER-ADOR-ABLE!!
...FALL BEHIND IN CUTE-NESS!
DON'T YOU...
...LET MAMIKO ...
SKA (SNAP)
WE ARE IN HIGH SCHOOL... OUR SMARTS ARE A STEP ABOVE HERS!
THAT IS THE THOUGHT OF A MERE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL-ER!
PITI-FUL!
Y— YEAH ...
YOU SAY TYPING IN ALL HIRAGANA IS CUTE?
THAT'S PROBABLY...
...A TELE-GRAM!!!
Thank you for the text. I'm very happy!♡
!!?
WRITE IT ALL IN KATA-KANA!

HEY.
TRY WRITING HER BACK.
MAYBE YOU REALLY DID SCARE HER OFF.
MAMIKO-SAN'S NOT RESPOND-ING.

OH NO ...!!! SHE'S ALL WORRIED 'COS IT'S HER FIRST TIME TEXTING, AND I STARTED DRAGGING MY FEET...!!!
GAAAN (SHOCK)
!!!
To Mamiko-san
Did my strange messages make you hate me? Mayu-Mayu

LISTEN UP, NOZAKI!!!
...NO-ZAKI! THAT'S IT...
BA— (WHAP)

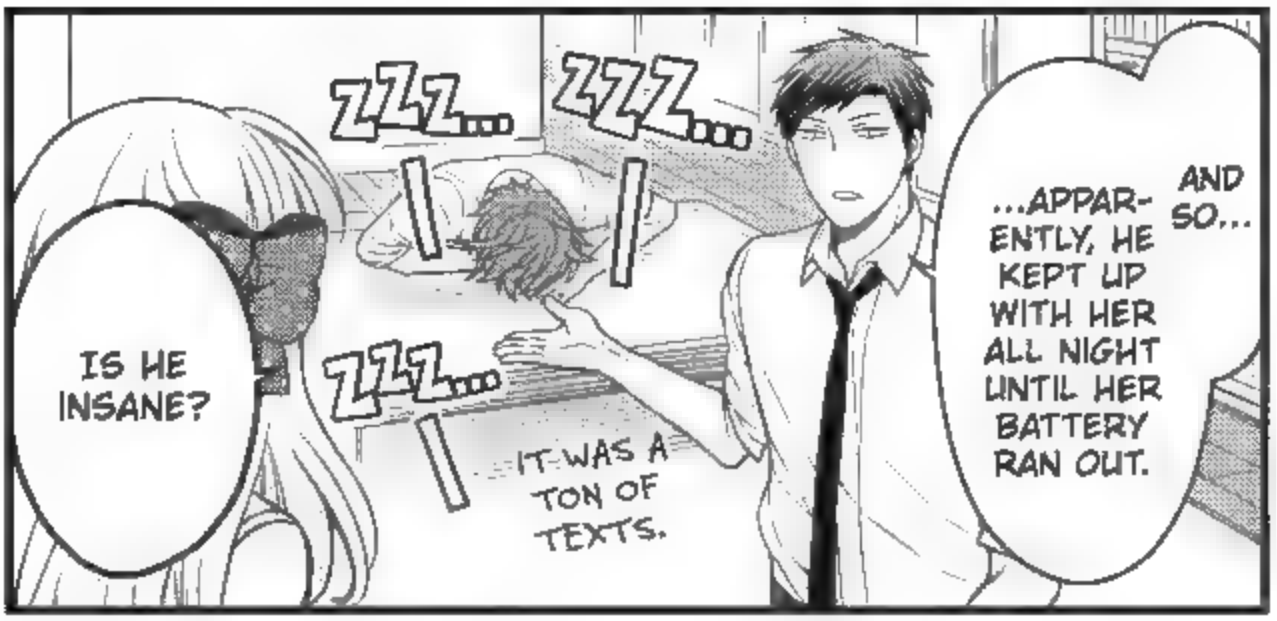
...SO ANSWER HER TEXTS RIGHT AWAY !!!
IT'S PRAC-TICE TIME!
I'LL HELP OUT ...
I'M GONNA RESPOND RIGHT AWAY WHEN SHE TEXTS FROM NOW ON!!

PIROROOO (JINGLE)
PIROROOO
PIROROOO
PIROROOO
HE WAS REALLY INTO IT...
I WONDER HOW THINGS TURNED OUT IN THE END...?
MORNING!
MORNING!
YURA (WOBBLE)
KOBA-YASHI ...
WELL, HOPEFULLY, THIS AT LEAST MAKES HIM A LITTLE MORE LIKE A PROPER STUDENT.

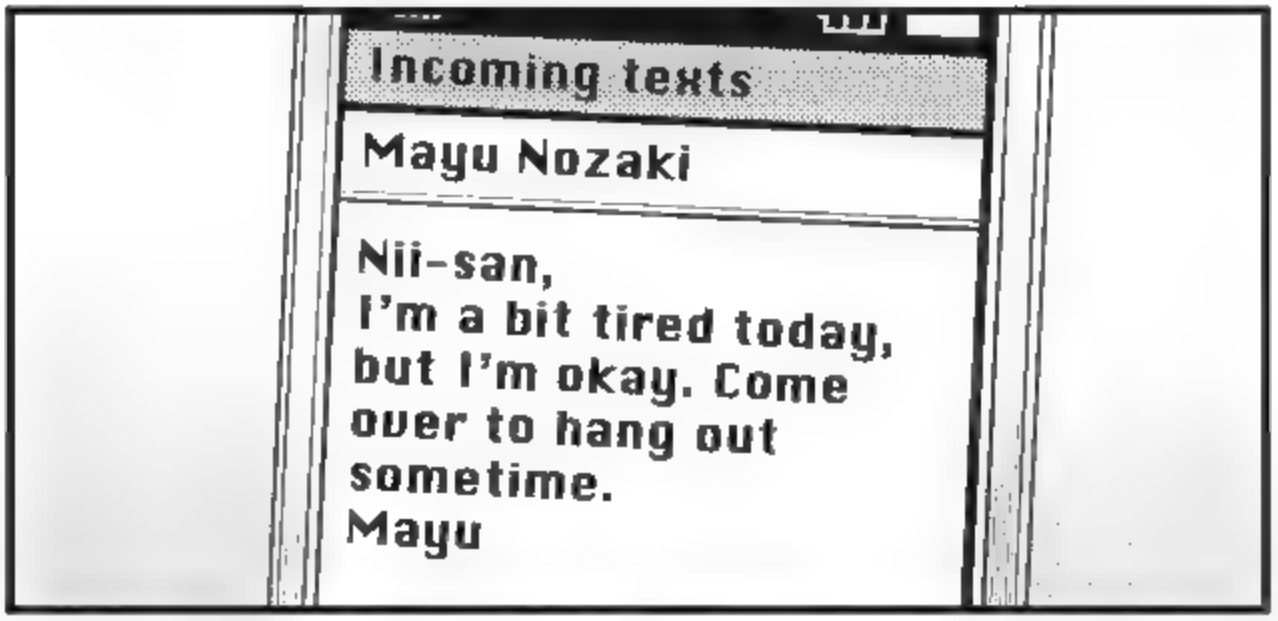
MY BATTERY ...
...RAN OUT...
GURARI (STAGGER)
WHOOOA-!
MAA-KUN !!?

WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING TO MAKE IT RUN OUT!!?
ARE YOU MENTAL!!?
HUH !?
... ARE YOU OKAY !?
NO-ZAKI-KUN ...
WHAT !?
YOUR BATTERY RAN OUT!?

JUST THEN, HE THOUGHT THAT, IN THIS CASE, THERE MIGHT BE A BIGGER PROBLEM THAN JUST BEING LIKE A PROPER STUDENT.
GA
GA
GA (THUNK)
...


ZZZ...
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
IT WAS A TON OF TEXTS.
IS HE INSANE?
AND SO...
...APPARENTLY, HE KEPT UP WITH HER ALL NIGHT UNTIL HER BATTERY RAN OUT.

PIROROOON
COME TO THINK OF IT, I WONDER WHAT HE'S BEEN UP TO.
OF COURSE, I'M SURE NOTHING'S CHANGED.
MAYU, HUH ...?
WRONG GENDER THOUGH.
THAT NAME KIND OF REMINDS ME OF MAYU-KUN.
STILL, "MAYU-MAYU-SAN," HUH?
CUP: TEA


Incoming texts
Mayu Nozaki
Nii-san,
I'm a bit tired today, but I'm okay. Come over to hang out sometime.
Mayu

...MADE PROG-RESS IN TEXTING ...!!?
HE'S...

WHAT THE HELL? YOU'RE SO PREJU-DICED!
AND WHO CARES IF SHE LIKES MACARONS!!?
IN PINK!!!
SHE'S THE TYPE WHO'LL SAY "MACARONS! ♡" WHEN YOU ASK HER WHAT HER FAVORITE FOOD IS.
IT'S ALL CALCU-LATED!!!
BESIDES, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A JUNIOR HIGH GIRL WHO'S BAD AT TEXTING THESE DAYS!!
PIROROON (JINGLE)
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
...
KYUN (TOUCHED)
きゅん
THE RICE BALLS MY BROTHER MAKES.
PIRORIROOON (JINGLE)

HE'S BEEN WAITING

HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER BREAK?

SPECIAL GIRLS' NOZAKI-KUN

THE MAKING OF THE MIKORIN FIGURE

Includes **two new** four-panel color comics!

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This edition includes a Mikorin figure, so I'll give you a quick rundown on how this figure got made!

THE MAKING OF THE MIKORIN FIGURE

1 DRAW THE ILLUSTRATION

FIRST, YOU DRAW AN IMAGE OF WHAT YOU WANT THE FINISHED FIGURE TO BE LIKE!

APPARENTLY, IT'S BEST AND EASIEST TO UNDERSTAND IF YOU DRAW IT IN COLOR FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT ANGLES!

2 MAKE THE PROTOTYPE
FORM THE GENERAL BODY PARTS
SO AWESOME!!!
WHEN YOU ASK THEM TO MAKE THIS PART LIKE THIS, THEY FIX IT FOR YOU! I'M SO MOVED THAT THEY PUT SO MUCH ATTENTION TO DETAIL IN!
KOTOBUKIYA MADE IT FOR US!
303!!!
FINAL
ADJUSTMENTS
WE SEND SAMPLE FIGURES BACK AND FORTH SEVERAL TIMES, ALWAYS AIMING TO MAKE HIM EVEN CUTER!
WE LOWERED HIS EYES AND MADE HIS CHEEKS CHUBBIER!!
SORRY FOR BEING SO STUBBORN!!!
AND THE ADJUSTMENT RALLY STARTS AGAIN!
I REALLY AM SORRY FOR BEING SO STUBBORN!!!
COMPLETE
AFTER CHANGING THE SHADOWS, CHANGING THE COLOR OF THE BELT, AND ADDING EARRINGS, IT WAS DONE! TRY PUTTING MIKORIN IN ALL SORTS OF PLACES...ON YOUR DESK, EVEN NEXT TO YOUR CUP!
IF IT WERE A NOZAKI-KUN FIGURE, I'D BUY TEN OF THEM!!!
3 DESIGN THE STAND
Come up with several different designs and then decide from there.
▲ Several random designs
MAKOTO MIKOSHIBA★GEKKAN SHOJO★NOZAKI KUN
▲ This one was the final selection.
4 DESIGN THE BOX
We came up with several different designs, and in the end, we decided on one based on it feeling "like ■ toy."
Box: Monthly Girls' Nozaki-kun Mikorin Figure
月刊少女野崎くん
みこりんフィギュア
GEKKAN SHOJO NOZAKI KUN
▲ Rejected Design

THE BEST GIRL FOR HIM

TRY IT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW

SPECIAL GIRLS' NOZAKI-KUN

TRANSLATION NOTES

COMMON HONORIFICS

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-sensei: A term of respect commonly used for teachers but can also refer to doctors, writers, and artists.

-senpai: Used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-kouhai: Used to address underclassmen or less experienced coworkers.

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In the original edition, the "my" in "my name" is ***watashi***, a Japanese pronoun that is a gender-neutral form of "I" but can read as feminine.

PAGE 59

Hanako-san is a traditional female ghost who haunts school bathrooms.

PAGE 81

Grass-eaters, or "herbivore men," are Japanese men who aren't particularly ambitious or interested in women.

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HMM...
Roman School Drama Club
NOZAKI-KUN WRITES THE SCRIPTS FOR THE ROMAN SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB.

WELL...
...THE PRINCE WHO'S THE LEAD THIS TIME IS SUPPOSED TO BE WISTFUL.
I DID TRY TO ACT HIM THAT WAY...
WHAT'S WRONG, KASHIMA-KUN?
-PROBLEMS?

KASHIMA-KUN...
IT'S MORE, YOU KNOW...
...LIKE I'M BEING EXPECTED TO PORTRAY SOMETHING MUCH MORE COMPLEX...
...BUT I JUST GET THE FEELING THAT IT'S NOT RIGHT.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING WITH SUCH A SERIOUS LOOK ON YOUR FACE, CHIYO-CHAN?
I DON'T THINK THE PLAYWRIGHT PUT THAT MUCH THOUGHT INTO IT.

PERSUASIVE POWER

MAGAZINES: ROMANCE

OH! IT'S NOZAKI.
WHAAA —!?
I, UH... JUST WATCHING ...?
HUH !?
CRUSH GIRL!
HEY!
I KNOW!
HOW ABOUT I OBSERVE YOU?

...I GET ALL NER-VOUS AND CAN'T TALK...
WHEN I THINK ABOUT KASHIMA-KUN WATCH-ING...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
DOKI DOKI
DOKI CBADUMP
NO WAY...
—HEEEY!
IT'S REALLY NOZAKI-KUN ...!!!

ACTUALLY, IT'S ABOUT MY ASSISTANTS FOR TOMORROW ...
PERFECT TIMING.

SHE LUNGED AT HIM!!!
SO PASSION-ATE!!!
BACHIIN (SMACK)
HORI-SEN...
...
PA—

CHIYO-CHAN'LL HEAR, SO OKAY.
WANT ME TO TAKE A LOOK?
HUH? YOU?
OHH? YOU DON'T GET THE SCRIPT?

IT'S PROBABLY 'COS SHE LETS HER GUARD DOWN AND SMILES AT OTHER MEN.
MAYBE IT'S 'COS, SOMETIMES, THE PRINCESS SAYS STUPID THINGS?
HMM.
PRINCE:
WHEN I SEE YOU, SOMETIMES, IT ANNOYS ME.
HOW DO YOU THINK HE FEELS HERE?

THAT'S SOMETHING HE'S SAYING OUT OF DESPERATION, TRYING TO GET HER TO LOOK AT HIM JUST FOR A BRIEF MOMENT.
IT'S A DAYTIME SOAP!!! THAT'S A DAYTIME SOAP MOVE!!!
OH!
I'LL KILL YOU AND THEN MYSELF AS WELL!!!!
PRINCE:
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY... IF I TOLD YOU THAT WINE WAS POISONED?
AND THEN, HERE ...

GASHI (GRAB)
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, SENSEI.

I UNDERSTAND THE MEANING, BUT IN THE END, I JUST DON'T GET ONE-SIDED CRUSHES.

WISTFULNESS, HUH...?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST IMAGINE A REAL PERSON IN THERE?

LIKE ...

...WHO WOULD GET YOU FIRED UP AS A LOVE INTEREST?

FOR EXAMPLE.

UMM. PROBABLY HORI-SENPAI.

!!?

SO SHE REALLY DOES LIKE HIM...!!?

ドキッ (BADUM)

WHO WOULD GET YOU FIRED UP AS A RIVAL?

HORI-SENPAI, I THINK.

HUH ...!?

THE ONE SHE LOVES

RIVAL

MOTHER?

HORI-SENPAI.

PET PUPPY?

WHAAAAT!!?

わら WARA, (CROWD)

わら WARA

MOTHER

わら WARA

DOG

OKAY, THEN I GUESS WE'LL IMAGINE IT WITH HORI-SENPAI.

SAY SENPAI GETS HIMSELF A GIRL-FRIEND ONE DAY.

A GIRL-FRIEND !?

YEAH. WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

I'D GET ALL BUDDY-BUDDY WITH HER...

...AND WE'D ALL HANG OUT TOGETH-ER!!

WE'D ALL HANG OUT TOGETH-ER!!

NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

SHE'S IN LOVE WITH HIM.

NO... THAT'S NOT IT...

I KNOW! LET'S SAY THAT A FIANCÉE HE'S PROMISED TO SPEND HIS LIFE WITH APPEARS.

UGH ...!!!

SO SHE REALLY STOLE HER AWAY!!?

THAT GIRLFRIEND IS JUST HOPELESS!!!

OHHH!
THAT'S GOOD...
...NO-ZAKI!
I WANNA MAKE A SAD FACE TOO!
WHAT GOOD WILL YOU DOING THAT DO?
POOR GUY...
WHEN I SEE SENPAI ...
...I MIGHT END UP LOOKING SAD...

I KNOW!!!
UGH... IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WHO DEFINITELY WON'T FALL FOR KASHIMA ...?
.....HM? WON'T FALL FOR HER...?

AH HA HA HA!
AH HA HA HA HA!
HORI-SENPAI AND I ARE GOING OUT!!!
KA (FLASH)
OKAY, KASHIMA !!!
IMAGINE THIS!!!

WHY, SAKURA !!?
THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU!!!
CHIYO-CHAN GOT ALL SAD ...!!!

FINE. THEN STAY AWAY FROM HORI-SENPAI FOR A WHILE.

WHAT!?

WHY?

IN YOUR CASE ...

...IT'LL BE FASTER TO GET YOU SAD THROUGH THE PAIN OF NOT BEING ABLE TO TALK TO HIM.

AWWW!

YO... ...KASHI-MA.

SA

HEY ... ...KASHI-MA.

KASHI —!

SASA

SA

.....

...HEY.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HORI-CHAN?

HE HASN'T MOVED AT ALL FOR A WHILE NOW.

IT'S LIKE HE'S TAKING SILENT DAMAGE...

SOMEONE GO TALK TO HIM!

GO DO YOUR CLUB ACTIVITIES.
I WANNA HANG OUT WITH SENPAI!!! I WANT SENPAI TO CHASE ME!!!
IT HURTS ...!!!
HOW IS IT, KASHIMA?
DOES IT HURT?

...IN THAT CASE ...
...ALL WE NEED NOW...
THIS FEELS A LOT LIKE THE PAIN OF NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE SOMEONE.
OH.
UGGGHH...
I WANNA TALK TO HIM, EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT...

...I'M GOING TO EAT LUNCH WITH HORI-SENPAI TODAY.
THE TRUTH IS...
SU (FWISH)
す?
KA-SHIMA.
...IS JEALOUSY !!!

ARGH! WHY, SAKURA !!?
CHIYO-CHAN LOOKS TOTALLY JEALOUS !!!

JUST HOLD OUT THREE MORE DAYS.

JUST ... ... THREE MORE DAYS, HUH?

THAT'S A LONG TIME...

KASHIMA-KUUUN!

THE PRINCESS ISN'T GOING TO BE HERE FOR REHEARSAL, SO SOME-ONE'S FILLING IN FOR HER.

HUH? FOR REAL?

YEAH. SOOOO...

GASH! (GRAB)

...DON'T RUN AWAY, KASHIMA.

IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, I'LL HEAR YOU OUT.

YOU'VE REALLY GIVEN ME THE RUN-AROUND.

HUH? OH! UM...

HUH !? SENPAI!!?

GUI (YANK)

JUST THREE MORE DAYS ...!!!

JUST WAIT THREE MORE DAYS!

HUH...? A DEBT...!?

I HAVE TO GO NOW.
I'M SORRY.
CHIYO-CHAN AND NOZAKI ARE GONNA BE PISSED AT ME!!!
WAAAAAHH! WHAT DO I DO!!?
WAITING UNTIL I COULD SEE YOU AGAIN...
...HAS NEARLY DRIVEN ME MAD...
BUT THEY'RE DEFINITELY GONNA BE PISSED WITH ME LATER!!!
AND SENPAI'S GONNA BE PISSED TOO!!!
DON'T SAY...
...SUCH SAD THINGS...
AAAAHH! BUT I'M REALLY HAPPY TO GET TO BE ONSTAGE WITH SENPAI!!!
...could just stand still...
KYU (SQUEEZE)
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If only ... time ...
AHH... I MIGHT AS WELL JUST...
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
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I'M BACK, MASTER!

...SO ...

...I WAS TRYING REALLY HARD NOT TO TALK TO SENPAI...

AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!

...BUT I TALKED TO HIM TODAY, SO I FAILED!!!

TOO BAD!

WAHOOO!!

...OKAY, FINE.

SENPAI, LET'S WALK HOME TOGETH-ER!!!

AH HA HA HA.

GOOD FOR YOU, HORI-CHAN.

YEAH. KASHIMA-KUN FINALLY CAME BACK TO YOU.

ARF!

ARF!

ARF!

A FEW DAYS LATER

...LATELY, SENPAI...

YOU KNOW ...

...HAS BEEN MEETING ME AT THE STATION EVERY MORN-ING!

I'M REALLY GLAD I GET TO COME TO SCHOOL WITH HIM EVERY DAY!

OHH?

HE MUST HAVE CHANGED WHAT TIME HE TAKES THE TRAIN.

!!?

OVER-PROTECTIVE

HORI-CHAN... DID HER RUNNING AWAY TRAU-MATIZE YOU...!?

CARRIED IN HIS ARMS FOR HER WALK

MONTHLY GIRLS' NOZAKI-KUN 6 END

ASK ME ANYTHING ABOUT LOVE.

DON'T TELL ME HE HAS A TON OF ROMANTIC EXPERIENCE, DESPITE HOW HE LOOKS...!

...FOR HIM TO UNDERSTAND LOVE SO MUCH...

STILL...

HUH?

CHIYO-CHAN!!!

THEN, WOULD HE EVEN PLAY AROUND WITH CHIYO-CHAN!?

Ack!

WHAT!?

HUH?

NOZAKI-KUN!!?

IF NOZAKI SAID, "GO OUT WITH ME," WHAT WOULD YOU DO!?

SHE'S REALLY WARY!!!

...AND THEN A NOTEPAD ...

WAIT, MIKORIN MIGHT BE HIDING IN THE SHADOWS...

I'D CHECK TO MAKE SURE HE DIDN'T HAVE A CAMERA ...